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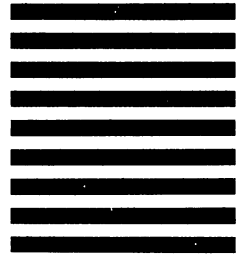
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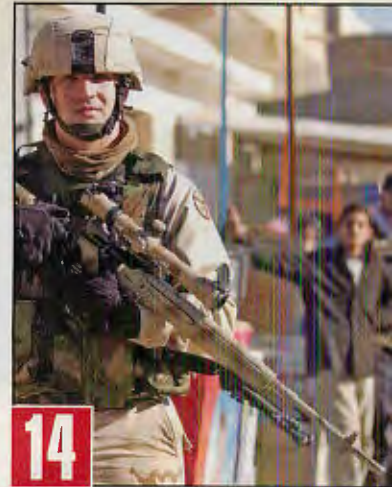
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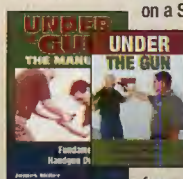
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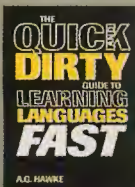
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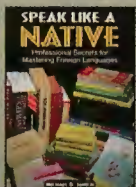
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By Lt. Col. Robert K. Brown USAR (Ret.)

## Our Snipers Have Spoken... Now It's Your Turn!

As longtime *SOF* readers are aware, *SOF* has published numerous articles on the effectiveness of Marine and Army snipers on the frontlines in the war on Islamic terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq. We have received emails and letters from a significant number of these young studs documenting problems they have encountered with the chain of command regarding obtaining the appropriate equipment as well as the proper employment to maximize effectiveness as well as reduce risk.

Though disheartening, I remember our snipers faced, at least initially, similar problems in Nam. Prior to my deployment to Nam, the Gods smiled and I found myself the OIC of the XVIII Airborne Corps Advanced Marksmanship Training Unit (AMTU). At that time, the Army had yet to be blinded by all the hi-tech crappola and therefore, every major post in the U.S. had an AMTU. (Now, there is only one, located at Ft. Benning, GA.) Consequently, I interfaced with the troops from the Ft. Benning, who were to provide the initial cadre for the Army sniper school subsequently located with the 9<sup>th</sup> Division.

Major Willie Powell, the OIC of the Benning AMTU, who took the first group of sniper school cadre to Nam in June, 1968 found that after a couple of cycles had been sent to the field, reports came back to Powell that these young, battle-hardened troops were being misused. Instead of whacking Mr. Charles with one round, ala Carlos Hathcock, they were ending up as squad leaders or platoon sergeants. The why of this is very simple. Infantry company commanders, who had no experience in the care and feeding of these professionals, found that a sniper school graduate already had three months of combat time in country, had six more months to

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## The Aftermath

An article today in the *Atlanta Journal - Constitution*, entitled "Vets' return fraught with psychological hurdles, study finds" is bringing to light

something that it took our government 30+ years to figure out for Vietnam Veterans.

Even though shell shock, combat fatigue and soldier's heart were known and common during WWII and Korea, for some odd reason 1+ year in nasty jungle warfare in Vietnam and everything was supposed to be just great for the returning soldiers?

After 58,000 perished over there, it took the government over 30 years to figure out that us Vietnam Veterans were actually in a war? In Vietnam as a draftee infantryman during the Tet offensive from January through May 1968, the men in my mechanized infantry company (approx. 100 men) worked, fought and hunted for 24/7 for 300 bucks a month and by the time Tet was over all (what was left of them) in my company had at least one (real) purple heart - some had two and a few three. During those five months we saw our base camp for about two weeks max, if lucky.

I'm just happy to see that the government realizes this time that there is a war going on, and that the soldiers directly involved in that war need help before, during and after the war!

For those who don't quite get the message, just try working your job here in the states for 24/7 and see how long you last before you have a little "job burn out" problem.

Tom Foster, Veterans Advocate  
Marietta, Georgia



## We Wish You a Merry Christmas

### Kudos SOF!

*Soldier of Fortune* is one of the few, if not the only, magazines to look at the world through the iron sights of the professional gunfighter. There are plenty of glossy weapon-centric rags and a few professional journals (which are so PC



you'd be hard pressed to actually ring a page of truth out of them), but there is nothing else like SOF.

The way these things float around the barracks or the fighting holes, dog-eared and overleafed, I bet some issues of SOF have been in the Marine Corps longer than I have! The longevity of the hand-to hand circulation speaks volumes to the relevance and veracity of the story telling.

It might be an issue of SOF from last year, or last month, but the authenticity of the articles and the point of view of the operator are captured in its pages like nowhere else. Not to mention the ads for useful products that the soy-latte-sipper couldn't give a damn about, but that just might save a meat-eater's life. Don't get me wrong, the boys still love their girlie mags and their car mags, but the ones that speak to their professional needs and interests, which

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## Cheers from Down Under

I was with your brother Alan and General Aderholdt in Papua New Guinea (re: the story "New Guinea Gold." I could add more to the story, especially the bit about when Al Brown and I went to the Port Moresby Mapping section looking for a military map of Oro Bay, and the guy said, "Oh! You want a copy of the Gold Treasure Map. We both stood there with our mouths on the floor). John Page and I went there three times to try our luck. In Port Moresby, we were raided by the Police and Army as being suspicious people, because the Pope was dropping in the day that we arrived with all sorts of goodies coming through Customs.

Frank B. Taylor  
Sunnybank, AUSTRALIA

Alan Brown recalls:

He could have very well heard that. What I heard was "I and my pilot flew the airplane that took those aerial photos for map-making purposes. After my friend got out the service, he spent six months looking for gold in church walls." It wasn't there because my man and the missionary had moved it, first into the fox hole and then into the jungle.

So he could be right. But I'll stick to my memory bank since I have notes on it dating back to '95.





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◀ “Who ya calling a dogface, Leatherneck?” GI from 549th Military Police Company (on right) takes five with his working dog (on left) during Operation Medusa in Mosul, Iraq. Photo: U.S. Army by Sgt. Thomas Wheeler

▶ Rescuing the rescuer: Marines hook up an immobilized UH-60 Black Hawk medevac chopper to their CH-53E Super Stallion in Iraq’s Anbar Province. The Black Hawk had been disabled during a routine training mission. Photo: USMC by Cpl. James B. Hoke



◀ Soldiers from Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne, pause for a glamour shot at the end of a patrol near Wynot, Iraq before heading home. Photo: DoD



▶ Following “Warrior One’s” tour of military bases and other sites across the country, the Barrett-Jackson Auction house will auction this vehicle on 20 January in Scottsdale, Ariz. CNN, who purchased the Hummer in 2002 from the King Hummer dealership in Kuwait for use of their crews who were embedded with the First Battalion, 7th Marines, is donating proceeds from the auction of this “Overhauled” Hummer to Fisher House.

The Learning Channel’s Overhaulin’ took the Hummer to their shop in Irvine, Calif., where crews overhauled the engine and body and installed an extensive entertainment system. Airbrush artists Dru Blaier, Mickey Harris and Mike Lavallee painted images of journalists and troops on the vehicle. The Hummer will be the subject of an upcoming episode of Overhaulin’.

Since its founding in 1990, the Fisher House has offered more than 2 million days of lodging to more than 100,000 GI families while their loved ones were in a near-by GI hospital. Presently, the organization operates 35 houses in 16 states and one in Europe. For more information on this worthwhile effort, go to [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org).

## Get Enraged. Get Involved. Get Moving!

The English language falls short when it comes to describing the ongoing plight of our former, now abandoned, allies – the H’mong. If “plight” describes the fellow in the reefer carton under the bridge without a warm coat, what word describes the 10-year old H’mong boy whose father was killed by communists soldiers, who was then shot as he ran from hiding – and then had his belly sliced open so he could run home with both hands full of his own guts to die in the arms of his mother. In case the monsters of the Middle East have distracted you, be advised that communism is still alive and evil in Southeast Asia. The only difference now is that they are free to concentrate on the former allies we abandoned, the H’mong. Thoroughly peruse these web sites below. Follow every link; click on every page. Then if your heart and stomach are still functioning, get your ass in gear.

This is going on now. Nothing is being done. Where is the outrage? Send this to others. Go to this address, scroll down to bottom and click for PDF file: <http://www.earthpeoples.org/>

This outfit doing its damndest to shed light on Hmong’s plight. Lot of info on their website if you roam around it: <http://www.factfinding.org/>

In case you missed it, go to: <http://www.huntingtonnews.net/national/060708-staff-laos.html> for one of the few press reports on the atrocities.

Note correspondents Bill Laurie and J. T. Flynn, “the U.S. government, as is disgustingly par for course, isn’t doing a bloody damn thing. Please continue your efforts to the publicize this. The standard ‘media pukes’ haven’t and won’t.”

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# One Round, Few Missions

## Losing the Potential of Our Sniper Assets, Part One



*Editor's Note: None of the troops in the photos accompanying this article were authors of any of the letters that comprise this article. Photos were selected for topical interest, came mostly from DoD sources, and are individually credited. The following letters were very lightly edited for clarity and space.*

Not uncommonly, the military mission following a successful invasion evolves into sorting out various warring internal factions in order that Democracy might have a chance to

take root, as is the case in Iraq and Afghanistan. At this point, the liberators are seen as occupiers, and mission success may well hinge on winning the hearts and minds of the population. Working against this is the costly synergism between a high-profile military presence and any collateral damage caused by military activity, when it comes to how the liberated perceive the liberators.

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This two-part article, comprising letters from individual American snipers serving in the Middle East, exposes a story of the neglect, misuse or handicapping of one of the most precise, cost-effective military tools we have on the ground. Where a problem is mentioned by more than one correspondent, the redundancy has not been editorially corrected, in order not to skew the reader's perception of the pervasiveness of that particular problem. We will let the writers candidly speak for themselves.

# Many Skills,



*Sniper missions vary widely, from protecting VIPs with a high-profile "I'm here, I can outshoot you, don't try anything stupid" message to bad guys, to the classic stealthy infiltration and interdiction role. Here, an American Special Forces troop mans a tripod-mounted sniper rifle in Afghanistan's Wardak province in August of 2003 when Afghan President Hamid Karzai and U.S. Special Envoy Zalmay Khalil Zad inspected road reconstruction projects linking Kabul with the southern city of Kandahar. AFP Photo/Shah Marai*

## LETTER 1:

### "...The Army Needs To Establish A Training Course for the SEO."

I have an idea that I (at least) think is so obvious, that anyone else who has not thought of it should just slap themselves:

The Army needs to create some sort of protocol to train the officer corps on how to properly employ snipers. I have spoken to many Infantry officers on this matter, and all of them agree that nowhere in their IOBC is there any training on the optimal use and employment of snipers on the battlefield.

If we as snipers are sent to sniper school to become sniper qualified, why is

it not blatantly obvious that there needs to be a sniper employment officer course to qualify our brass to use us correctly?

For once, we cannot blame this on a bad CO or BC. They may or may not be jerks, but the real problem is that they just don't know the nature of our skill. The Infantry school needs to make basic sniper employment a part of their Infantry Officers Basic Course. Every butter bar in ACUs needs to be familiar with these tasks if he is wearing crossed rifles on his collar.

Furthermore, every MTOE I have ever seen with a sniper slot on it also has a slot somewhere for the Sniper Employment Officer. This guy is usually an ops guy. This

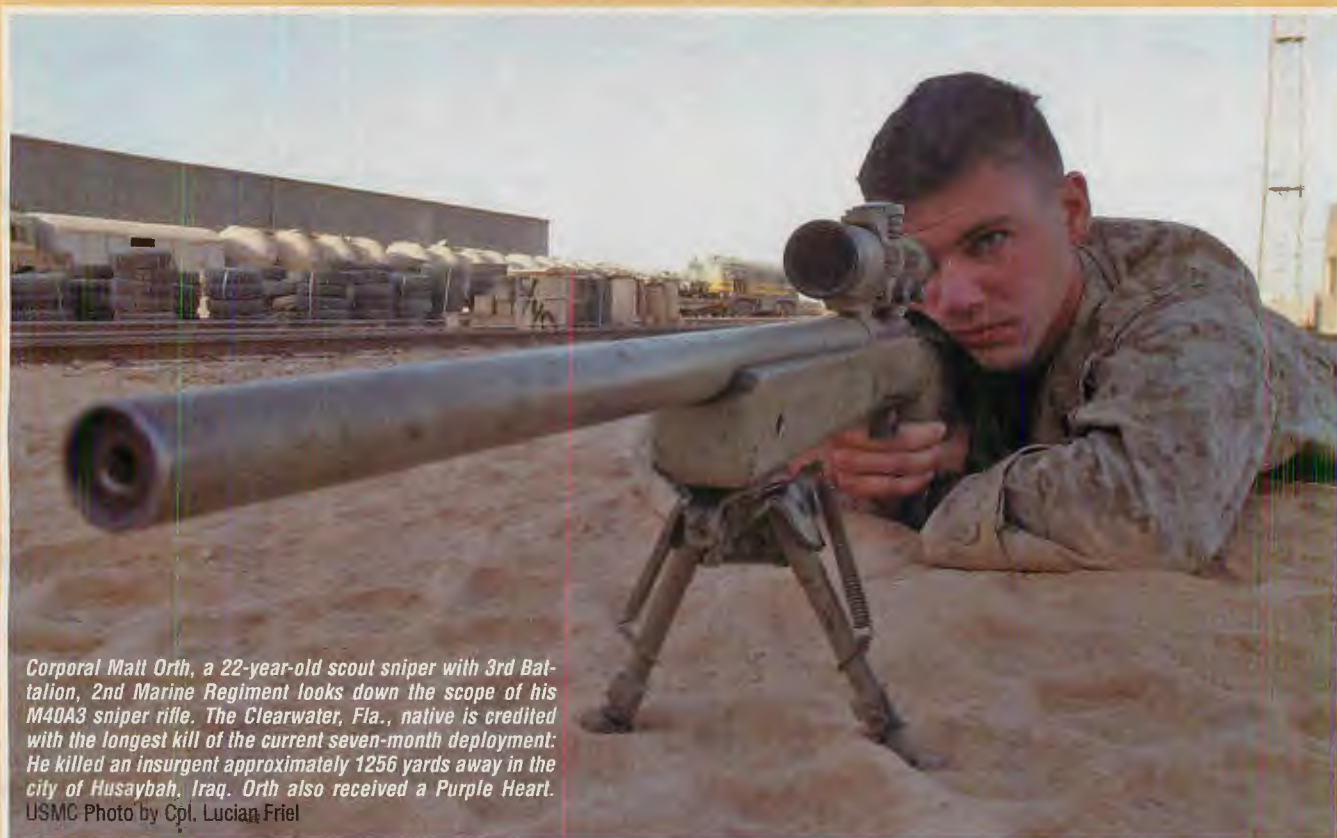
## MilSpeak for Brown-Boots and Civvies

ACU's	Army Combat Uniform
B4	Army Sniper MOS
BC	Battalion Commander
CSI	Crime Scene Investigation
DA	Department of the Army
FFP	Forward Firing Position
GS vs. DS	General Support Vs. Direct Support
IBA	Individual Body Armor/Interceptor Body Armor
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
IOBC	Infantry Officer Basic Course
MAPP	Manpower and Personnel Plan/Mission Analysis and Performance Program
MOS	Military Occupational Specialty
MTOE	Modified Table of Organization and Equipment
PID	Positive Identification
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
QRF	Quick Reaction Force
ROE	Rules of Engagement
SAPI (SAPIs)	Ceramic Plate (body armor)
SASR	Semi-Auto Sniper Rifle
SDM	Squad Designated Marksman
SEO	Sniper Employment Officer
SGM	Sergeant Major
SNR	Senior
TL	Team Leader
TOC	Tactical Operations Center

guy is also usually just given this job because the BC says "tag, you're it." That is not very cool.

This guy is just as critical as the sniper team itself. A bad SEO can ruin the team totally. He may be under trained, or he may be just too busy. My SEO in Iraq was a great guy, and he was really into wanting to help us. The problem was that he was also my company XO and he was too busy to take a dump, let alone work with us. As a result, we hit a lot of brick walls. Captains and full birds really are not too receptive when a couple of E-5s walk into their TOC with ideas about hiding out on rooftops and zapping Haaji with high-powered rifles. For





Corporal Matt Orth, a 22-year-old scout sniper with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment looks down the scope of his M40A3 sniper rifle. The Clearwater, Fla., native is credited with the longest kill of the current seven-month deployment: He killed an insurgent approximately 1256 yards away in the city of Husaybah, Iraq. Orth also received a Purple Heart. USMC Photo by Cpl. Lucian Friel

some reason, officers just have a way of dealing with other officers, and apparently us NGOs do not have such skills. Thus, no good SEO – no joy for the shooters.

On the flipside, the last thing in the world a sniper team needs is some yahoo with a nice set of gums talking up a whole bunch of shit that cannot really happen. That's how you find yourself laying face down in the open on 120-degree sand with a half a Camelbak full of water and 48 hours

left to go on some Hollywood operation.

To get to my point, the O-type that is given the task of SEO needs to be sniper qualified himself. He will most likely never fire a shot out of a sniper rifle past sniper school, but he needs to know the product if he is gonna sell it.

I think that the Army needs to address this issue further. As the Army changes to meet the demands of the new threat, I think we will soon see the value a good,

well-trained and well-led sniper team can have (again, as history does seem to repeat itself.). As such the Army needs to establish a training course for the SEO. Perhaps the existing sniper school should link up with the Infantry officer school and hash out where the problems lay. Heaven forbid we should ever problem solve with internal communication.

## LETTER 2:

**“...A Sniper Company Organized Similar To the SF Community With Its Own Funds Would Solve A Lot of Problems.”**

Some of the things we are running into are increased PPE that is getting out of control. Combat Load has gone up to 65 to 80 lbs and that's without our rucks. The SAPIs we are issued are too thick and too heavy. I don't know how much they cost but I've seen some that are .5 inch thick and weigh 5 lbs. that will stop 7.62, 5.56 and .30-06. We're getting ordered to wear our issued flaks known as the Incapacitator Body Armor, but we call it the Incapacitator vest. We were told we can get better gear but we have to wear it over our issued PPE. Since 1994 we were supposed to get a semi-auto 7.62: Well, we finally did but they got recalled. A .45 caliber pistol would be nice. Our last chain of command was pretty bad but the fight with being GS vs. DS is an on-going battle, but our new chain is a nice change from the last one. AND I think a lot of



A sniper uses his rifle scope to search for enemy activity in Al Fallujah, Iraq in 2005. The paratrooper was assigned to the 82nd Airborne's Co. B, 1st Bn, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment and was taking part in a systematic search of a section of the city. U.S. Army photo by SSGT Charles B. Johnson

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snipers would agree that a Sniper Company Organized similar to the SF community with its own funds would solve a lot of problems – i.e. rounds for training, priority for training, quotas for schools. Our MOS needs to be a primary and we need our own Re-enlistment bonus: That would bring more job retention.

### LETTER 3:

#### **“Simply Put, The C and C Element Is Not Allowing Us To Operate.”**

Snipers are being used for BS details like TOC duties. Another problem is the commanders in some cases are keeping the reins too tight, they are choosing the hides for the team and requiring permission to relocate when that site turns out to suck. In some cases the shooter needs to get permission to shoot (by the time that it comes back down the IED has been placed and the bad guy is long gone: WTF, over?). Simply put, the C and C element is not allowing us to operate. Our hands are tied in that we have to beg for permission to simply roll over and piss! In the LRS we had very relaxed uniform policies. When guys go outside the wire now, they have to look like they are on parade.

As for equipping issues, scopes are always in need, hide sight-equipment that is man portable and easily placed is always useful. The ACU's are garbage (unless you work in an office). They do not help you blend with any kind of terrain or urban setting, the Velcro has to be one of the worst ideas in U.S. Military history. The pockets are still coming open on their own, the arm pockets still snag



*Blowing dust obscures a sniper with the 22nd MEU (SOCVO's Maritime Special Purpose Force) as he fired a .50 SASR during live-fire training on Udari Range, in Kuwait in 2005. USMC photo by Sgt. Robert A. Sturkie*

on things and let out that gut-wrenching r-r-rip when they come open, magazines don't fit into the magazine pouches on the leg and a broken down MRE will not fit in the leg pouch. I'd like to have a few words with the f\*ing REMF that decided that we should have them (You have to wonder who is making money on it).

In team commo, we need equipment that is not bulky, that will take an ear-piece (that fits in the ear canal) and has a way to keep the volume from accidentally being bumped, would be nice.

Some other equipment items that could be used are:

- Small assault-packs
- Drop-leg holsters
- Drop-leg medic kits
- Hydration systems

### LETTER 4:

#### **“Officers in the Army Have Never Been Trained On Sniper Employment.”**

Mainly the officers in the Army have never been trained on Sniper employment. They barely know their own jobs, so they are not going to allow two or three guys to run around the streets of Baghdad. They certainly don't want to answer the tough questions if these guys get killed, such as “Why are there guys walking around when we have spent so much money on armored and up-armored vehicles?” As far as gear we got pretty much what we asked for, although we had to go through a lot of red tape and piss off a few high ranking officers – but we got most of it.

*Marine scout snipers with Regimental Combat Team 7 test fire their weapons at Al Asad, Iraq in October of 2004. USMC Photo by Cpl. Paul W. Leicht*



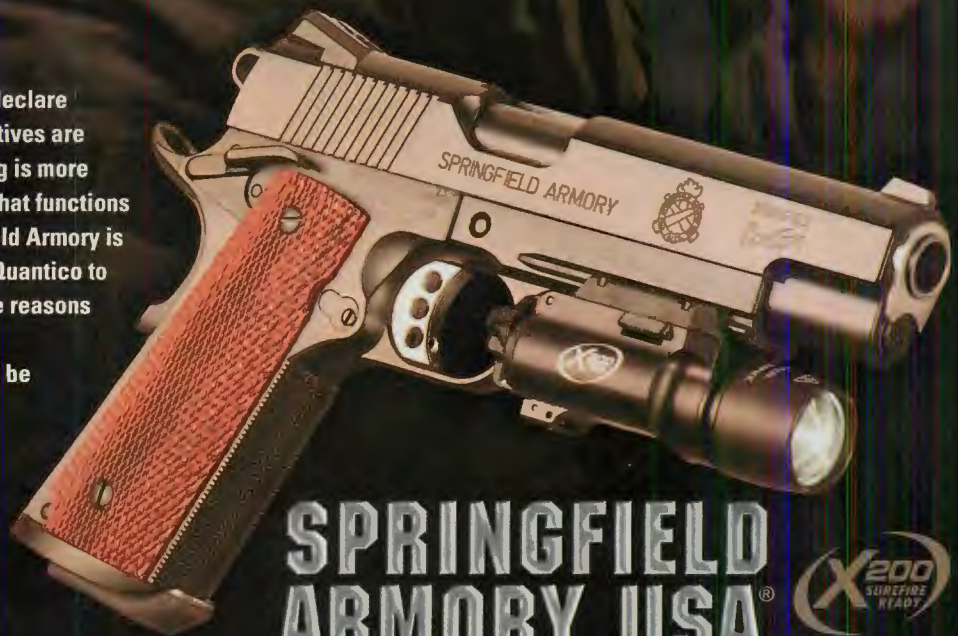
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Marines of Scout Sniper Platoon, Battalion Landing Team 2nd Bn, 2nd Marines get up to speed on the new Mk-11 sniper rifle at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia, last July. USMC photo by L/Cpl Patrick M. Johnson-Campbell



**LETTER 5:**  
**“Lack of Versatility On The Command Gets People Killed”**

The biggest thing I think is that platoons are not being utilized very well to cover trouble areas. Since most of the work in Iraq is of a reactive nature, then whole platoons or sections of sniper teams need to be utilized to cover IED emplacements, with teams being rotated to provide coverage. Of course that

means that teams have to have multiple hides, insert, QRF support, and other logistics. Most units are not willing to provide the logistics to support such a small unit, but if you take into consideration that this small unit can cause a lot of damage to the enemy, it balances out. That is the other thing, commanders are sending grunt units into the same areas conducting the same raids, patrols, and searches based on information that has not been confirmed. Most of the informa-

tion is wrong and a unit will get IED'd or ambushed after multiple attempts to conduct raids in the same areas, using the same techniques and routes in and out. Units don't leave the vehicles because commanders are too lazy to change things up. Sniper teams or recon teams can be inserted and patrol into the target area to confirm information before a raid or patrol is conducted. All of the correct doctrine is in place, unit commanders just need to use all available assets to get the job done and keep the enemy off balance. Lack of versatility on the command gets people killed. Hope that helps a little.



A soldier from the sniper team of Company A, 1st Bn, 155th Brigade Combat Team, attached to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, keeps watch as the team moves to a concealed position near an insurgent travel route along the Euphrates River in 2005. US Army photo by Kurt Gibbons III

**LETTER 6:**  
**“Problems With Commanders Confusing Sniper Capabilities With Regular Infantry Capabilities.”**

I'm a sniper with XXX, out of XXX. Most often we have problems with having to pay for our own ghillie suits, veils and screens; with getting time on the range – and match-grade ammo for the range time I do get. There are problems with Commanders confusing sniper capabilities with regular infantry capabilities – not realizing that snipers are in fact special operators attached to their units. Other command gaffs include underestimating a sniper's man-tracking and stalking capabilities; confusing B4 qualified snipers with squad designated marksmen; attempting to put a sniper in a guard tower where he cannot hide.

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# Want To DESTROY YOUR ENEMIES with ease? Want to Always KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS LYING & Make Them Tell The Truth? MENTAL WARFARE SECRETS

Totally NEW Program Shows You "HOW" To Dominate Life & Easily Hypnotize Others Into Obedience

By Tom Parks

Dear Friend,

Listen. I don't care what you think you might know about Mind Control and Mental Warfare -

## YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS

Maybe you think such a thing doesn't even exist. If so, you're wrong. Dead wrong! And, I can prove it to you. Here's why:

By now you've heard of Ninja Mind Control, Black Ops, Seduction, NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming), Kahuna, Remote Viewing, Hypnotism, etc. Andrew Scott has done it ALL and distilled it down to

## Quick Kill Methods of Instant Hypnotic Domination over ANYONE!

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## The Night My Life Changed Forever

After a grueling night of sparring against multiple armed attackers under Andrew's expert instruction, he decided to take the "Fight Club" out for pizza.

It's AMAZING to me that a guy like this can be so down-to-earth and human, considering the superhuman things he can do!

Want to know what I'm talking about? Read on friend, read on...

We arrived at the new pizza joint across town. The place was packed! The hostess says "I'm sorry, but it's a 45 minute wait to get a table."

Andrew steps in front of her, looks into her eyes and slightly smiles. There is three seconds of silence and then she says "yknow what, I'll just go clear you a table right away."

As she walked away, she kept turning back and gazing at Andrew like she was in heat!

Now keep in mind, none of us had been to this place before and we didn't know any of the people there.

I noticed all the women seem to be staring at Andrew like deer caught in the headlights. The men are all giving him respectful nods and stepping back to clear a path for him.

Finally, I decided to check it out for myself. I stepped up to a guy at the bar and pointed at Andrew and asked "do you know who that is?" The guy said "No, but he's the man isn't he?" How did Andrew

## Radiate Unstoppable Confidence and Magnetize Everyone In The Room

Before the end of the night, no less than three hot vixens (including the waitress) had stuffed their phone numbers into Andrew's hand, and he had barely said a word to them! He tossed the numbers to us - it was no big deal to him at all!

And, he had two attorneys, a broker and a realtor at our table buying us drinks and begging to invest bucks into one of his enterprises! Andrew said no thanks, be-

cause he likes to keep all the profits for himself.

Does this all sound unreal, like something out of a movie? Well guess what, it's not. I was there and I can tell you in no uncertain terms: *It's All Real.*

You see, after YEARS of studying just about everything, Andrew got fed up and decided to only teach the

## QUICK and DIRTY Methods of Getting Anything You Want From Anybody!

I asked Andrew "how do you do it?" "Do what?" he said. "Yknow, magnetize people like that?"

Andrew said "I don't intend to do it. It just simply is. Water doesn't intend to go where it goes - it doesn't "try" to go where it goes - it just goes there! And, like water...

## I Go Wherever I Want and I Get Whatever I Want

...and you can do the same thing, Tom" I was astounded! Me? Do the same thing? OH MY GOD!

So he began to train me in Warrior Hypnosis. He showed me how to buy a car (I was completely broke at the time) and how to get my boss to double my salary, all within a week. I did what he said AND IT WORKED!

## MAKE THEM BEG!

Ex-girlfriends who had dumped me for more successful guys were begging to have me back, even offering to pay all of my bills!

My nagging step-mother, who's been trying to thwart me for years, was all of a sudden very afraid of me. I was astounded!

And, I knew I had changed forever. This wasn't some emotional cheerleading going on, this was a permanent change.

It wasn't any esoteric mumbo-jumbo either. Forget the agony and frustration of learning difficult tactics.

If you're as "lazy" as I am, and simply want the bottom line "how-to" you're gonna LOVE this...

Have you ever noticed how some people seem to be "lucky"? They always have their way, and life never seems to be a struggle?

They constantly have beautiful women on their knees begging, and they laugh about it, while you're always struggling to get a date with a chick who's "ok."

In this totally new program you can't find anywhere else, Andrew will show you how to have beautiful women eating out of your hand and obeying your commands, and you don't need money or good looks. Yes, it's true. See it for yourself!

Listen. Have you ever wondered why some people seem to effortlessly conquer every situation they face? Notice how life can be a constant struggle, or very disappointing and boring?

Well, as of RIGHT NOW, it's doesn't ever have to be that way for you again! Am I serious?

## I Am DEADLY Serious.

In this new program, Andrew is going to show you what he has learned about Mind Control & Mental Warfare, because after he learned it, life has NEVER been a struggle for him.

This is not an exaggeration, but a simple statement of fact. And it's so simple and so absolute, so rock-solid, that once you "have it" your life will never be the same!

Nothing will phase you at all! In fact, danger and challenges are now an absolute JOY to face, because

## VICTORY IS AUTOMATIC

Yes, I really do mean that. And I can prove it to you. Do you "want" the same power in your life? The first thing Andrew will show YOU is how to

## "Thrive In Chaos!"

I don't care what you're up against. If you're out to be the top dog at work. If you're competing for a promotion or sales, with Andrew's Warrior Hypnosis phrasing, you'll mesmerize and astound the competition - who won't know a damn thing until it's too late!

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- ✓ Hypnotic Trance: Make Them Desire To Please You, Without Saying A Word!
- ✓ Psych Profile: Know Anything About Anyone In Minutes!

All you have to do is listen to this program once, then try it a few times and you'll be shouting with joy that

## "THIS STUFF WORKS!"

Let me ask you something. Where have things been difficult in your life? I'll bet it's when other people don't do what you want them to do, am I right? Well listen up, because now is your chance to end those difficulties once and for all.

Once you "order this program" you can sit back and relax, because you're about to become a Warrior King who gets his way - almost *all of the time!*

And it works everywhere - whether you're negotiating a price, making a reservation, in a courtroom or dealing with city hall! Even with operators on the phone!

Think she sounds cute on the phone? Have her meet you later - she'll think it was her idea! Want them to work for you, or buy your product or service? Have them do it and thank you for it!

And, no one will ever be able to escape your magnetic power when you always know

## How To Tell If Someone Is Lying

Think about it right now: How many times will someone lie to you during the course of your life? And, what will it cost you?

Wouldn't it be better to KNOW when they are lying; to know HOW to detect, and correct, those who are lying or are about to lie to you?

Can you IMAGINE THE POWER YOU'LL HAVE knowing for sure, absolutely, whenever someone is lying to you? What would that be worth to you over the rest of your lifetime?

Of course, knowing this puts you at an Unfair Advantage Over Others, because

## They Won't Be Able To Keep Any Secrets From You!

And, you could easily convince others of anything, true or untrue, when you lean the strategies, tactics and exact sciences of persuasion in this course.

But I know you won't do that, because your conscience won't permit it. That's the unique thing about a

true Warrior. You'll use your newly found strengths and secret knowledge for good, and to

### Manifest An Overflow of Greatness

in your life and the lives of others.

There is a force inside you, a kind of "spiritual intuition" that discerns all things, good and bad. This intuition is very powerful, and magnetic. However, 99.9% of the population is programmed, BY DESIGN, to lose this intuition.

Here's what I mean: have you ever had someone lie to you or take advantage of you, and later you said to yourself "I KNEW that was gonna happen."

A little voice inside you told you that you were being lied to, but you rationalized it away and "allowed" it to happen, even though you knew better. I'm sure you know exactly what I'm talking about.

Have you ever been in a situation where you were told about something that was totally true and beneficial, but you rationalized it away, and later said

### "I KNEW I should've done that!"

I think we all know what it feels like to miss out on something awesome that we didn't have to miss out on.

Don't let that happen again. Grab hold of this totally **new course that no one else has**, and you won't ever have to miss out on anything you want, ever again.

Normally, Andrew charges thousands of bucks for this info, to attend one of his seminars usually costs between \$1700 to \$2400 bucks!

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1. Human beings are made of energy, and your energy is ALWAYS radiating Magnetic Force - force that either "pushes away" what you want, or "attracts" what you want. And, there is NEVER a time when this Magnetic Force isn't working - even when you're sleeping!

2. Every Word You Say Has Power. If you don't understand Hypnotic Commands and Phrasing, everything you say "pushes away" what you want most of the time (this is the missing Key to Getting Everything You Want!) The same rule applies for your Body Language and Eye Contact!

3. Your Emotional Response Transfers Control To Your Opponent (or your Target). This is even true in a bloody streetfight. Knowing this is how the smaller guy Destroys the big, scary thugs. It's how the nerdy broke guy gets the pretty girl. It's how the disadvantaged and underprivileged GET RICH! This Key is so Powerful, and so TOTAL and TRUE, that when you hear Andrew explain it and show you **exactly how to use it**, you'll cry tears of joy as if you've just been handed a check for 10 million bucks!

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Of course you must be over 18 and by purchasing you agree to release Andrew Scott and Masters Group from all liability.

### Just Imagine What You Can Do Once You Get These Skills!

There are really only two types of people - Warriors and Peasants. The Peasantry walk around in a Hypnotic Fog of Programming, kind of like computer programs.

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Does that make sense? It really is that simple, but it isn't easy unless you "know" the programming language.

Now, with Mental Warfare Secrets, you "get" the programming language, the buttons, everything you need to

### Get Anyone To Do Anything You Want Anytime, Anywhere

This essential information gives you specific techniques and phrases in minute, step-by-step detail that you can do RIGHT NOW.

You can literally memorize these Secrets, go out and repeat them, and watch what happens! The hard part's already done.

But more importantly, it isn't just about controlling others. It's also about YOU. Here's exactly what I mean:

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I WANT YOU TO HAVE THESE SECRETS - YOU KNOW YOU NEED THEM if you're going to **WIN every battle in life**.

Do you think that winning at life, making more money than your friends, slaughtering the competition and easily attracting everything you want like a giant magnet is easy?

I do! And I've seen Andrew *prove it* dozens of times! Now, you can do the same.

This is your wake-up call. If you are one of the few who know a good thing when they see it, who know the truth when they hear it, then YOU will become the Master of Yourself and Those Around You with Mental Warfare Secrets.

The Mental Warfare Secrets program will show you how to conquer yourself once and for all, and then con-



Andrew Scott

quer anyone else!

Once you get this knowledge, you'll finally be the way you want to be, the way you know you really should be!

99% of the population is comfortable in ignorance and mediocrity. If you want to continue in apathy and living inside of a little box, don't bother to call, we won't miss you. But for those of you who simply must win at life - who need to know "how" - this is for you.

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tie in very nicely with them staying alive, are the ones they pay real attention to.

Thanks for the years of hard work and excellence and for being there through all my wars!

Semper Fidelis,  
Ilario Pantano

*(Ilario Pantano is a former Scout Sniper, Sergeant and Infantry Platoon Commander, and author of WARLORD: No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy.)*

### Rhodesia Reporting

I have only just received the January 2006 edition of *SOF*, and, on reading the Flak column, was surprised to see two letters related to Rhodesia - my home.

In the first one, from Buddy Lilley, he asks for corrections to the political figures who engineered the downfall of this great country. May I please take this opportunity to enlighten him as to who the "suspects" were on this matter.

1) On the U.S. front, there were three main players: former

President Carter, Henry Kissinger and that so-called preacher Jesse Jackson. Although Andrew Young was a player, he wasn't really interested due to the fact that he knew what was going to happen.

2) On the British front, Margaret Thatcher (Prime Minister) and David Owen were the main players there.

Of course, they played right into Mugabe's hands at Lancaster House. Lord Carrington, if my memory serves me correctly, took over as head of the military, while Lord Soames - a relation of the Queen - officially handed over the country to Mugabe.

Hoping this will help.

Wishing you and all at *SOF* the very best for the next 30 years, and keep up the good work.

Yours faithfully,  
Jon Wrathall, (Sgt., 1 RLI, Ret'd)  
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# News From The Kingdom of Glock

## Farnam's Gunslinger Diary

By John Farnam



Friends at Glock tell me:

(1) Glock polymer pistol frames are now being manufactured entirely in the USA (Georgia). The intent is to move a large portion of production over here from Europe. This is strong evidence that Glock is anticipating large, U.S. military orders, where one condition will be that weapons be made within the borders of CONUS.

The USMC has taken the lead on designing the new military pistol. However, certain semi-autonomous military units, weary of waiting on the military bureaucracy to make a decision, have, on their own, ordered quantities of G22s, in .40S&W! So, it looks as if we'll end up with a mixture of pistols, and calibers, throughout the military system, no matter how hard those within the system try to standardize on one. Interestingly, .40S&W is a good performer in its various high-performance manifestations, all of which feature controlled-expansion bullets. Conversely, .40S&W hardball doesn't perform much better than does 9mm hardball! Are these high-speed folks planning on being autonomous enough to procure their own, non-hardball ammunition inventory too?

(2) Glock's contender for this next, military pistol will look like a G21, only slimmer. The slide will be the same size, and it will still have a double-column magazine, but the grip will not be nearly as fat as is currently the case with the G21. Right now, it's called the "GSF45." In Glock numerology, the next number in line would be "G40," which would, of course, generate no end of confusion, so the designation, for now anyway, is GSF45.

The Marines like .45GAP caliber, considering it a good performer, even in the hardball configuration they believe themselves to be stuck with. However, vendors have been told there will be no

new small-arms calibers in the military system for the foreseeable future. No .45GAP. No 6.8mm.

The issue is not performance: It's the ponderous military logistics system, combined with the extremely limited ammunition production capacity with which we find ourselves presently saddled. Under the G.H. Bush and Clinton Administrations, our national archipelago military ammunition plants were all decommissioned, save one. We now discover, to our dismay, that one plant, with the assistance of virtually every major, domestic, private-sector ammunition manufacturer, still cannot keep up with demand, even in the relatively low-intensity conflict we're in right now (much less, a world war!). Under the G.W. Bush Administration, the situation has not improved. So, to get a new pistol caliber ordered, produced, and into every military storage area (and there are thousands!), worldwide, in sufficient quantity to supply a major operation would take at least six years, more like 10! Accordingly, I'm told any new gun, rifle or pistol, that ever sees the light of day, is going to have to shoot what we already have on hand (with all its faults). The new pistol will be chambered for .45ACP -- NATO pressure to stick with 9mm is, at least for the present, being ignored.

(3) The SF45 will have an ambidextrous, two-position, manual safety. It is designed to mostly disengage itself as the shooter acquires a normal, shooting grip. But, it must be manually, consciously re-engaged. Resembles a cross-bolt. Magazine release is ambidextrous/switchable. The ostensible necessity for a manual safety is still being hotly debated, but the "pro" side currently has the upper hand.

(4) The "G36 Tactical" will soon make its appearance. The current G36 is Glock's slim, single-column, compact

.45ACP carry gun. I carry my copy regularly, and it is a great concealment pistol. Now, imagine a G36 with a five-inch slide! Apparently, there is a big demand for a Glock pistol that is close to the dimensions of a 1911. The customer is always right!

(5) Those anticipating the debut of Glock's long-awaited .223 rifle and/or staple-gun, will still be waiting this time next year! Glock is trying to get it produced, but I suspect the military pistol project is consuming so much attention that no Glock rifle will see the light of day in the foreseeable future.

Both the GSF45 and the G36T will be making their debut at the 2007 SHOT Show in Orlando, FL in January. ✕

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We Few, Part 3

# The Recon Cook

## ...In Which Nick and Mac Have A Chance Encounter That Enlists A "Cook" Into RT Habu...

By Nick Brokhausen

At the time of the Vietnam War, MACV-SOG (Military Assistance Command Vietnam - Studies and Observations Group), was one of the lesser-known of the many open secrets associated with that conflict. It was also one of the most effective fighting units ever assembled with a kill ratio exceedingly high - and a life expectancy exceedingly low. Many books have been written chronicling SOG's exploits, and many more are sure to come. The excellent new volume *We Few* by Nick Brokhausen, however, does not remind us that these men were heroes, as that is a given. It reminds us they were human, and as Brokhausen notes, "I hope it will convey the incredible strength and macabre sense of humor that one needs in order to survive." This volume, from which we are pleased to publish four excerpts, does this very well, indeed. Enjoy.

As we walk down the hill we notice one of the deuce-and-a-halves pulling in and there are seven or eight new guys onboard. We are the closest, so we will get first look at the new can-

non fodder. Maybe we will see someone we know coming back and we can snag him as the One-Two on the team or, by some remote chance, we might see some guy that has promise. Someone with a court martial or a prior felony record is a good catch.

The admin sergeant major comes out with his clerk. They read off the roll and he welcomes them to CCN. He gives them the rah-rah, the "this is the toughest assignment in the Army" crap as he looks them over. There are two that will positively go to Recon; they have that smart-aleck look that only the multiple Article 15 holder has. I look at their faces; Yep, bet they both were staff sergeants before. I wonder who they pissed off to get sent here.

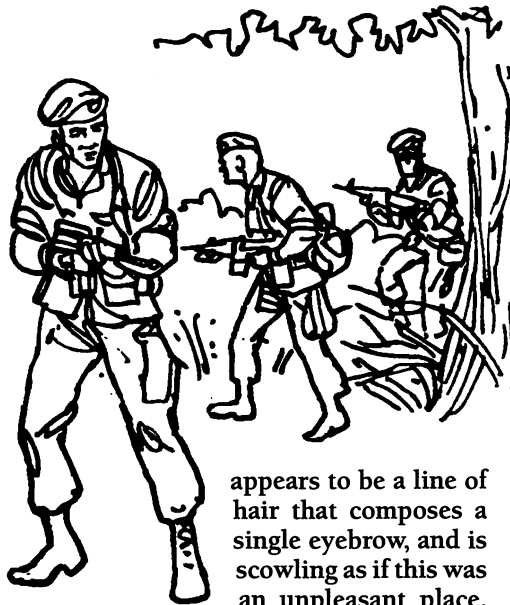
Mac nudges me, points at the group and says, "What do you think of that one?"



I'm looking at all of them. "Which one?"

"That one there, by the tailgate." I look the guy over. He is in his twenties, olive-skinned, or very tanned, and hair, black wavy, curly hair, everywhere. You can tell he has to shave two or three times a day. There is hair peeking out at the neckline. He is sharp and very military looking, complete with neat fatigues, and oh God, a Ranger tab. The guy is all soldier on the outside. He has what





appears to be a line of hair that composes a single eyebrow, and is scowling as if this was an unpleasant place.

Other than that, he is prettier than anyone in Recon. Here we go with the "feeling" thing again.

Every Alabaman personally believes that he is the considered expert on firearms, horseflesh, hunting dogs, women, and, last but not least, "fighting men." There is no sense arguing. I sigh in resignation, because the Mini Mac has already made up his mind that he is going to have a look-see.

I'm leaning on the colonel's jeep smoking a cigar and picking my nose, when Chuckles rolls up with Billy. The two of them slither out, and I snap to attention and scream, "Good afternoon, Sir!" Then I whip him my best knife-edge salute.

Manes scowls at me and snarls, "Get away from these fine young men you disgrace to the *Wehrmacht*. I ain't having you and the rest of that riffraff screwing up their standards before I can take them under my arm. Where is that Alabaman dog-robbing partner of yours?"

"And don't ever salute me in public. I don't want anyone to know you belong to me." Waugh doesn't say anything, with good reason. Dracula is a day person compared to Billy, who has been surviving on adrenalin so long that his system could probably metabolize nerve gas as a vitamin supplement. Since we are on stand down, it is fairly likely that he also has enough Crown Royal in his bloodstream on an average "off" day to kill a marine platoon.

The head paper shuffler comes out and tells the newbies to go on down to the mess hall and get something to eat. Mac grabs two guys and the Ranger and says, "Why don't we give you a ride?" We walk over to the jeep that the sergeant major and Manes just

arrived in. Ownership is a transient thing around here. We pile in and head for the mess hall. We get down there and let the new guys go in first.

Mac drags me aside and says the new guy that he wants is named Cook. He also found

out that Cook is supposed to go to B Company. "Do you want him on the team?" It doesn't matter what I'm going to say, he is already plotting on how to get him.

We go inside, get some chow, and wander over to their table. We make chit chat for a bit before Mac asks Cook, "Are you coming to Recon?"

Cook looks at him and says, "Fraid not. I'm assigned to B Company. That's where the army is sending me and that's where I reckon they need me."

God help us all, he sounds like a Ranger commercial. The boy is really intense. Mac kind of looks down like he's feeling sorry for him. I get it, and butt in, "Yeah? No bull. Geez, that's too bad." And then as if to emphasize my sympathy, I look down at my food. The other muffins are all ears.

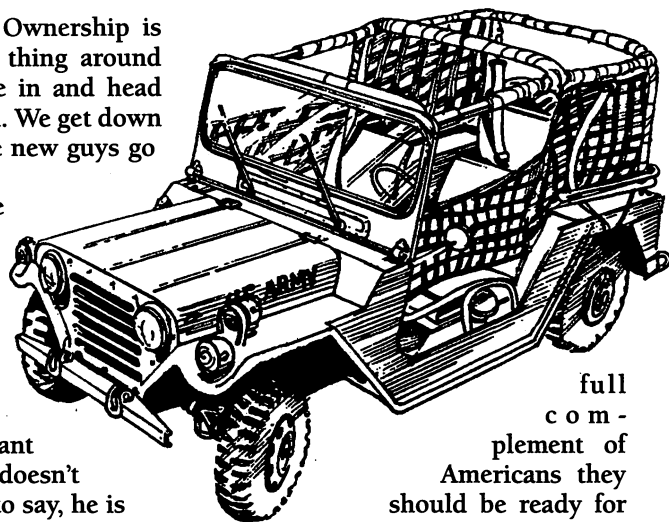
"What do you mean? Is B Company a bad company?" Cook asks us, his face taking on an even more serious slant.

Mac kind of rolls his eyes and says out the side of his mouth, "Well no, but they got chewed up pretty bad on that last operation. They lost quite a few Americans and a bunch of little people." He turns to me, and with choirboy innocence he asks, "Where was that, Nick?"

I look up from my food and chew what I had just shoveled into my mouth before answering. "Up in the A Shau, I think. Yeah, they got mauled by an NVA regiment. Lucky any of the survivors made it out." I look over the faces of the new guys, and you can see that now all of them don't want to be in B Company, all except Cook who is showing not one wit of apprehension. Let's just see how uninterested you are my furry friend.

"They will probably be done recruiting new strikers, and with these new guys they should be almost up to strength." I look over at Cook, smile, and go back to my potatoes.

"Yeah," Mac wheezes. "If they get a



full complement of Americans they should be ready for that big operation with the ARVN army. It shouldn't be too bad." The minute you say ARVN, everyone immediately cringes. This is because the normal ARVN Regiment needed a spine transplant. There were horror stories by the score about advisor units being wiped out to a man, because of some ARVN perfidy. It was 90 percent BS. Most ARVN units were hard chargers. There were a lot of crooks, VC sympathizers, and blackguards, all generally with bad people skills in hopeless situations. But this is a war zone; Nobody is perfect.

Cook is now a bit more interested



in a possible alternative, and begins by asking just what it is that Recon does. We lie like a couple of snake oil merchants. We tell them we go out and sneak around like Roger's Rangers and when we find the enemy in enough concentration, well, we get extracted. But it is only after we are safely in the air that they put in those poor guys from the Hatchet Companies to fix and hold the NVA until they can bring in enough air strikes to kill a bunch of them. Naturally, they take some horrendous losses though, because they always have an ARVN commander on the ground.

I put the icing on the cake by telling the crowd that a bunch of those guys have got two or three silver stars already. Hard-core. I look them over. There are one or two medal hunters who are almost sexually excited at the prospects of the "impossible mission." I look at Cook. He has the pragmatic look of a survivor. "I'm glad I'm in Recon," I continue. "It's all stealth: get in, take a look, then get out. In the Hatchet Companies, there are too many targets for the enemy to shoot at and you're bound to get hit by mistake, so they send them where there are sure to be a hundred to one odds."

By the time we are done with our lunch we have Cook talked into coming down to Recon. No sweat, we tell him, we'll fix it with Larry, the commander, and get you assigned to our team. Furthermore, we tell him that he only has to tell the head shed he

wants to go to Recon, and we will do the rest. We take Cook and the other two back up to the head shed just as Manes and Billy are walking out.

Cook starts to say something and we give him the "not now" signal. He goes in and comes back in about ten minutes and says with a smile, "Well guys, looks like I'm in Recon. You know those guys asked me three times if I was sure that's where I wanted to go?"

Oh, I like this one, level-headed, good on the uptake, and almost as stupid as we are. We take him down to the club and introduce him around as our new One-Two on RT Habu, buy him a couple of beers and go over to the Orderly Room. Actually, we stake it out. When Manes and Billy come out and head over to the mess hall, we go in and grab Frenchy, hand him Cook's packet and tell him, "Larry said that the new guy, Cook, was supposed to be assigned to Habu. He will talk to him tomorrow." Frenchy enters him on the morning report as being assigned to RT Habu, takes the packet, and voila! Cookie is ours. By the time Manes realizes we have a new guy on the team, it will be history. Besides, we can probably convince him that having a super soldier like this guy will probably rub off on us, for the good of the Army and all that. You have to be careful with Larry; he has a hair trigger with a stiff arm behind it to make up for any supposed lapse in his thought process. He is lovable and cute if your taste runs to Tasmanian Devils as house pets. But he is, sigh, our commander. There isn't another officer in the Army that would take this assignment. We are a careerist's nightmare.

Now you could say that we were deceitful, rather like the story of

how I got bamboozled into Recon by Bernie. However there is also the fact that Recon is supposed to be voluntary, but voluntary has many different shades. Can I help it if, in the wisdom of the Army, the Recon assignments have become

more of a question of will you stay after you get here, or be less in the eyes of your peers?

When we get back to the club, the Cookie is looking at us like we just raped his baby sister. He is really scowling now, and he has several empty cans in front of him. Shit. It is apparent that the rest of those lying, thieving, back-stabbing, don't-lose-a-chance-to-inflict-misery assholes have told him the real story.

We pull up to the table and he has that single eyebrow pulled down tight. He looks at us and slides his chair back while standing up and balling up his fists. We don't even get a chance to try and put the ether mask of lies on him. The fight is on. He packs a punch like a mule that hasn't been laid in two frosts and suddenly sights the widow's mare. He not only knocks the piss out of both of us for a while, but a couple of others as well. While he is busy with them, we pistol-whip him and he goes down. This boy might just be handy in the A Shau. An hour later we are pouring whiskey on each other's scrapes and loose teeth, and Cookie is officially ours. He is so serious, though. We are going to have fun with this one; he is the perfect straight man for our act.

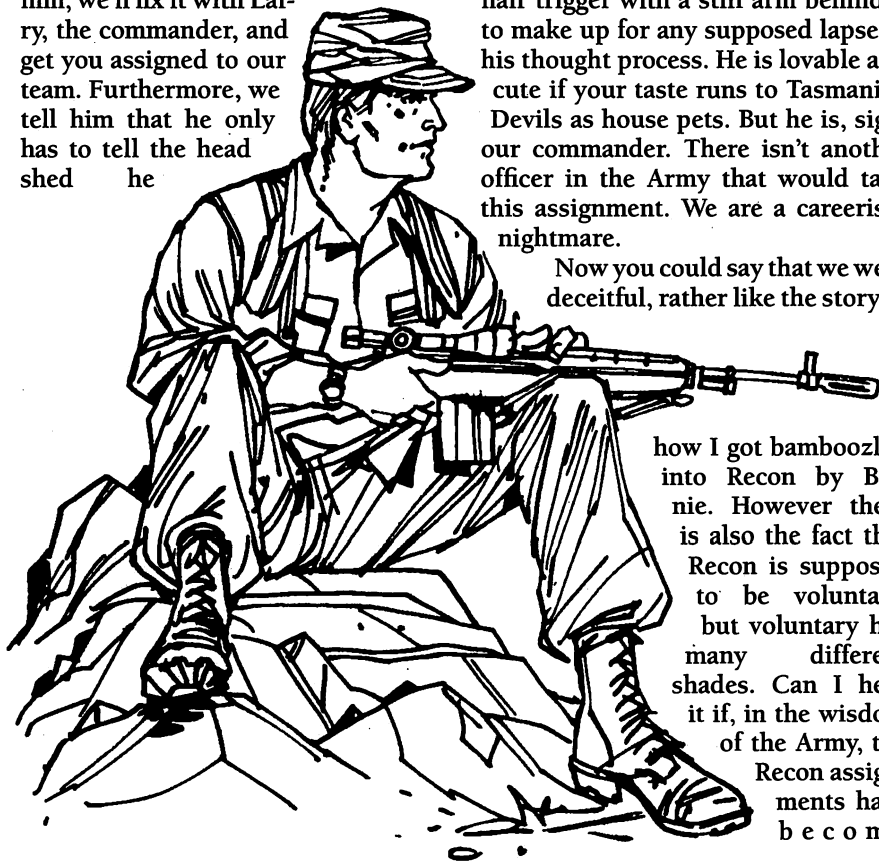
We start to take him over to meet the team, but I suggest we shave him first, lest the Yards mistake him for a rock ape and try to cook him. We stumble into their hut and introduce them to him. After we see that he is comfortable with them, and they are with him, we start back to the club. It is already dark out.

When we get back to the club we stagger through the door. I am last and as I come in something that feels like a slab of bacon slaps me in the side, and then sausage-like fingers grab me from behind. Either a gorilla has escaped from the zoo or it is Manes. I hope it is a gorilla.

"Whazzish that fugging frog tells me you got a cook on Habu, my man?" Oh just perfect, Frenchy has mistaken Cook, the name, for cook, the occupation. That idiot could screw up a dirt casserole. And, to make it better, our illustrious leader is more than half in the bag.

"Oh?" I smile blandly.

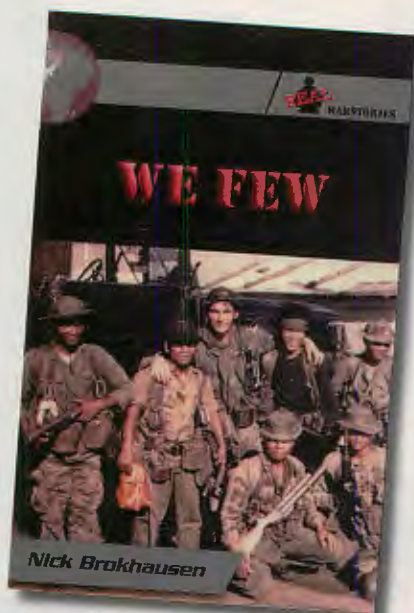
"Anybody going to get a cook around here as his personal chef it's gonna be the Commander. That would be me, to you degenerates." He shakes me like a rat terrier to emphasize his point.



I see the Combat Pygmy, Mac, grinning like a boar coon at my discomfort. I am getting ready to put his tallywacker in a vise with Manes by blaming it all on him when I hear the Cook yell out, "Hey Mac! Who's that sawed off, little, ugly, water buffalo-looking, POS that has our One-One? Tell him to let loose, or I'm going to kick him so hard in that wide ass of his that his breath is going to smell like Kiwi." Cookie is moving through the crowd, which is parting like the Red Sea for Moses. Manes has a shocked, then pleased look that suffuses into pure malevolence as Cook comes into sight. Mac intercepts Cook, and hog rushes him out the side door leaving me alone, ensnared in the Midget's ham-like paw. That's right you ingrate! Save the new guy. Don't give a rat's ass for the guy who has been saving your ass for the last four months.

I keep waiting for Larry to let go of my shirt. At least then I could get to my Luger. Perhaps if I wound him I could make it back to the hootch and get some dwarf-killing heavy stuff and finish him off. But now he is in the conciliatory stage. He drags me over to the bar and gets two drinks, one for him and one for him, looks at me and says, "You know I do everything for you degenerates. Why would you want to steal my cook?"

Read the rest of Nick Brokhausen's *We Few*, available at [www.realwarstories.com](http://www.realwarstories.com) — or catch the final excerpt in next month's SOF.



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# Landmines & Christmas

## Driving Through the Sudanese Looking-Glass With An AMIS Medic

Text & Photos by Phillip Nel

With my feet braced against the opposite bench in the back of the Toyota Landcruiser, I listened to the sound of Captain "Mule" Mongudhi, a big black officer from Namibia, singing along with Bing Crosby's *Jingle Bells* and other old Christmas favorites, while the cruiser ground and bumped its way through the heat-haze of the rocky defile. The incongruity of the moment sat heavily on my mind, in fact it was overpowering. "How the hell did I get myself into this one?" I

thought.

As a young boy I desperately wanted more out of life one day than a nine-to-five job. I wanted excitement and adventure and to go to those strange places I always read about. In desperation I took a leap of faith and wrote to *Soldier of Fortune Magazine* asking for advice on training and future employment that will lead to this kind of adventurous lifestyle. After what seemed eons, a letter arrived from the USA.

My disappointment was great when I realized the letter did not contain any magic formula, but instead was rather short and, to my youthful mind, quite harsh. Robert K. Brown merely told me to do four things: 1. finish school, 2. join the South African Defence Force, 3. get other relevant training and education, and 4. to keep my ear to the ground for potential work in this line.

Now, after more than 20 years, I found myself working as a remote



Although complex in its origin and following on decades of internal conflict, the war in Darfur is now between the non-Baggara peoples, mostly small farmers, and the government-supported Baggara Janjaweed militias. Map: Courtesy Wikipedia.org



A member of the South African contingent's Explosives Ordnance Disposal Team preparing a demolition charge to dispose of the dud rocket-propelled grenades found in the village of Greida, after the Government of Sudan attack.

Desert patrol (Toyota Landcruiser and pickup trucks fitted with troop benches) from the Military Observer Group Site at Malha, on the way to the MOG Site at Mellit.

# s Carols

medic in a conflict zone. People often ask me how I got this job, to which my reply is very similar to the one Robert K. Brown gave me so many years ago. The only thing I will add is that, like me and countless others, you must network as most of these kinds of jobs are either word-of-mouth or they are advertised through various associations and groups and not usually to the general public. This is, in fact, how I got this job. An old friend of mine forwarded an email to me, which was asking for medics to go to Darfur, Sudan. As I had just finished some late-in-life schooling, I was broke and desperate for any kind

of work better than flipping burgers at the big "M," so this opportunity was right up my alley. After a few more to-and-fro emails I found myself on a British Airways flight bound for Khartoum, the capital of Sudan.

## Ancient Antonov Airlines

From Khartoum I flew, in an old Antonov-32 military cargo plane, to El Fasher the regional capital of Darfur. The plane was fully loaded with supplies and equipment for the African Union Peacekeeping Force (AMIS – African Union Mission in Sudan) in Darfur, so all seven of us passen-

gers had to sit or lie on the rear cargo ramp. The thought of the ramp opening in mid-flight together with the fact that the wheels showed thread, plus the inner tubing patches on the fuselage, ensured that we did a whole lot of praying throughout the flight!

Coming in to land at El Fasher, one could clearly see the mortar pockmarks, trenches, and antiaircraft-gun emplacements surrounding the airport, and next to the runway lay the skeletal remains of a few aircraft. These were the remnants of the battle for El Fasher when the Sudanese Liberation Army (SLA) attacked the city in April 2003. I now knew that I was in a war-zone again.

My first deployment was to the Military Observation Group (MOG) site at Mellit, a half-day drive north of El Fasher. Here I found myself in a nice containerized clinic with almost all the equipment a medic would



SLA fighters with AK-47s and M14s, posing at Mado (a Sudanese Liberation Army stronghold).

need. There were items lacking—such as a laryngoscope and various other odds and ends—but that is the fate of a remote medic, he has to be able to make do with what he has available and to improvise for what he does not have. Life in these remote camps can be monotonous, but at times quite interesting.

On one assignment, while at Mellit, I accompanied a patrol to the MOG site at Malha, a day's drive to the north of us. The plan was for a patrol from Mellit to meet halfway with one from Malha; I would just change vehicles and carry on to Malha. The main function of these patrols is to monitor and gather intelligence on the strengths and movement of the various forces in the area. In addition, it is also a kind of hearts-and-minds mission intended to build confidence and rapport with the local population.

As the whole area between Mellit and Malha is controlled by the SLA, we were going to meet with them at the various area checkpoints they had established. At the first village of Madu we did not see many fighters,

just a few old men and young boys, but at Saiyia, the halfway point where we met the other patrol, there was a full company of SLA fighters at the checkpoint.

an interpreter whose English is little better than your Arabic, you find out why they joined the SLA. The stories are the same: "they (the Government of Sudan) and the Janjawid (Warriors

on horseback – government supported militia) attacked our village, raped the women and killed the men including my father," "they (GOS and the Janjawid) stole our cattle, sheep and camels and burned our crops, we had nothing left." In a land where plenty consists of a cup of sorghum, a donkey and some rags, these people have often lost far less than what the average household in the USA throws out in the trash every day, and yet this tiny amount is all they



### Why Men Fight

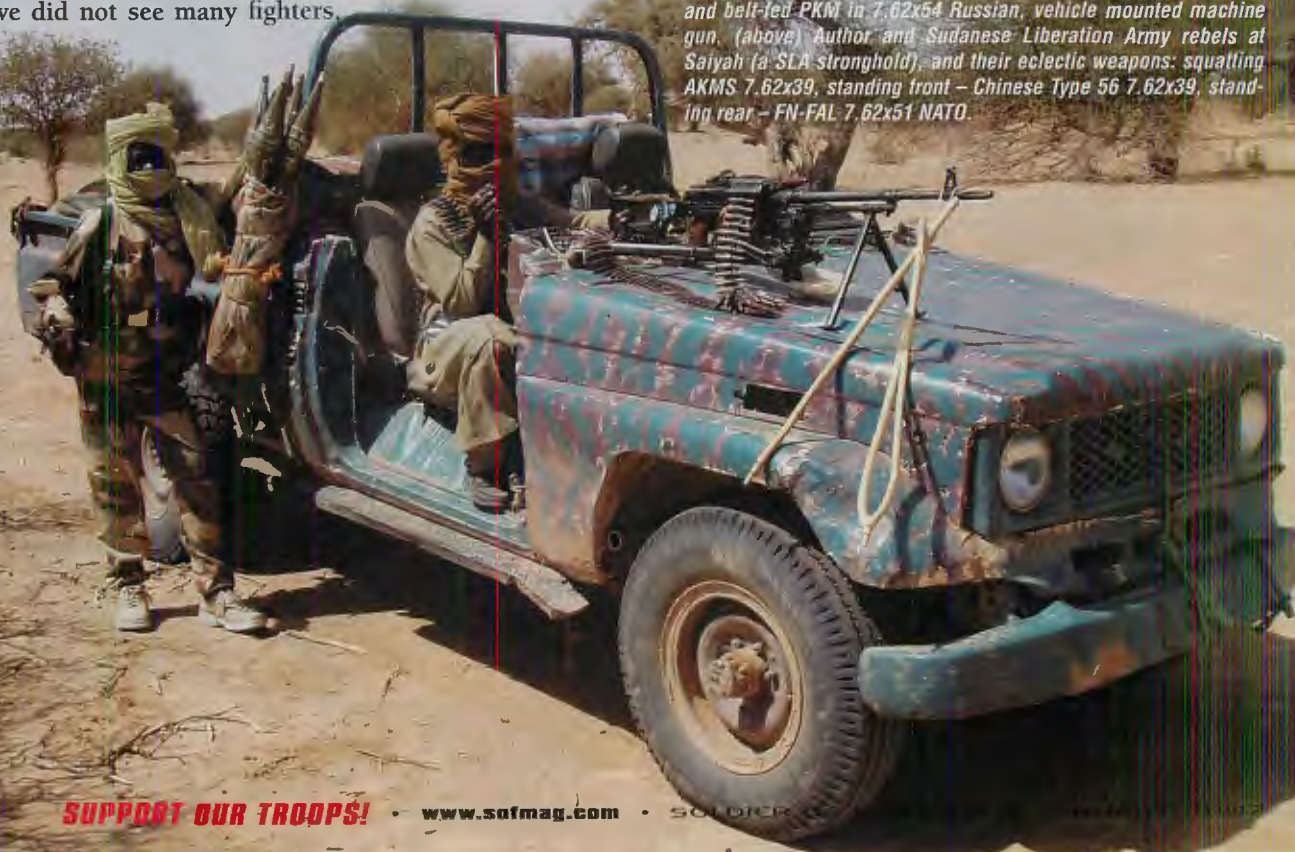
These men were friendly and welcomed us with open arms, yet we were always aware that things can change in the blink of an eye and turn violent. Talking to them through what little Arabic you have picked up, and by using

had. Everything.

When these men found out that I was a medic I got mobbed like a celebrity and found myself intensely occupied for a few hours sorting out their aches and pains as best I could.

Most of my patients had malaria, diarrhea or intestinal worms.

*An SLA war-truck and two rebels with five PG-7 85-mm projectiles, and belt-fed PKM in 7.62x54 Russian, vehicle mounted machine gun. (above) Author and Sudanese Liberation Army rebels at Saiyah (a SLA stronghold), and their eclectic weapons: squatting AKMS 7.62x39, standing front – Chinese Type 56 7.62x39, standing rear – FN-FAL 7.62x51 NATO.*



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Others had a variety of eye and skin infections while only a few had gunshot wounds. While treating these conditions I noticed some men standing talking with a young boy of about 12. Later, after I had finished with my patients, I saw him again and asked one of the SLA officers about him. It seems that his parents were slaughtered in a government attack on their village and he has sworn to avenge them and joined the SLA to carry out his new mission in life. This is the sad story of so many of these people.

Just driving in these parts is an adventure in itself. There are no real roads and what is referred to as a "road" is generally nothing more than a wide corridor where you choose your own route as you go. This is mostly as pure to cross-country off-road driving as one could wish for. You navigate by map and compass, or GPS for those lucky enough to have one, and dig the vehicle out of soft sand, or mud in the rainy season, and have no real scheduled time for the duration of a trip. Everything is based on: "it takes approximately...long" or as it is expressed in the local lingo "Insha'Allah (If God wills) you will get there!"

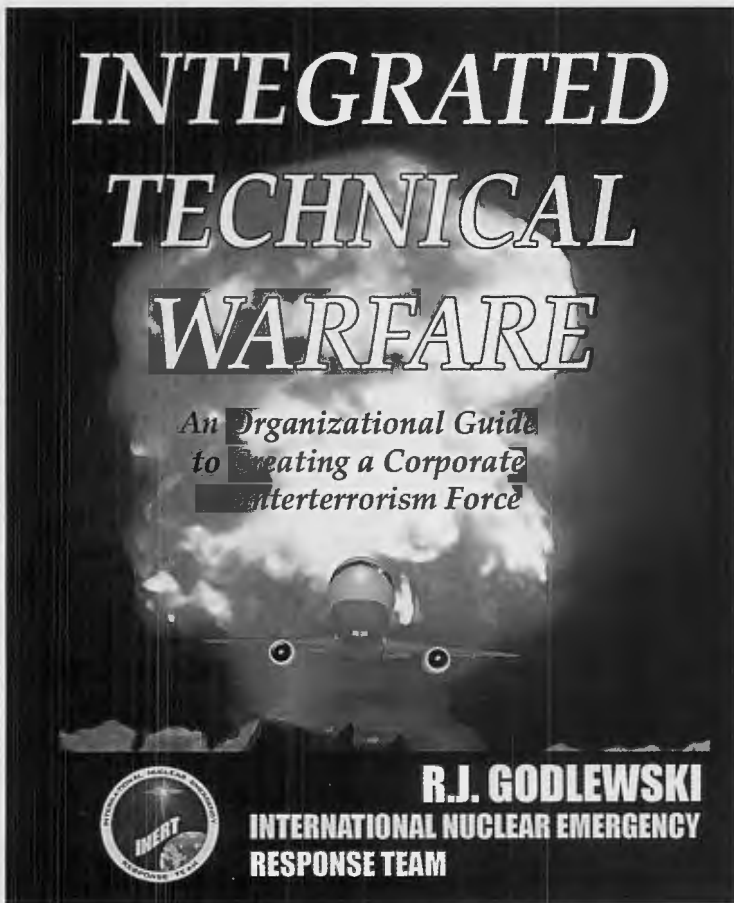
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One of the potential problems encountered driving in Darfur is the sloppy use of landmines by the various warring factions. These are placed indiscriminately and the locations are not mapped. There are also, in North Darfur, landmine fields left over from the Second World War. To exacerbate this situation, the African Union forces have very little in the line of modern landmine detection capability and it is only the South African contingent that has such gear. The Explosive Ordnance Disposal units from the other countries' contingents still rely on the manual landmine probe to find mines. Taking the huge area involved in to account it is, to all intents and purposes, impossible to actually find any mines laid in roadways and other areas unless you have specific information as to the possible location of such mines.

One such landmine took the lives of two men from a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) operating near Tine in Western Darfur, when they were returning to their base with a truckload of food. Another landmine

was reported to the African Union by a representative of the SLA. This landmine, a Russian TM-57 anti-tank, was eventually found on a sandy road between the towns of Mellit and Kutum. This road was frequently used by AMIS patrols and it was thus just a question of time before some unlucky driver detonated it. This landmine was found, lifted and then disposed of by the South African EOD detachment. I must also add that in 130°F heat it is uncomfortable enough just watching the proceedings, but lying in the blazing sun working steadily on a mine – which may or may not be booby-trapped – definitely becomes a chore.

The list of unexploded ordnance lying around is much longer and includes various PG-7 rocket grenades, hand grenades, ammunition of all kinds, and air-to-ground rocket dispensers and their flechette-loaded rockets. The sheer number of these items lying around ensures that the EOD chaps are kept on their toes and are constantly busy somewhere in the area of operations all the time. Most of this ordnance originated from GOS attacks on the SLA or on local



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villages. These were generally duds of some kind or other and it is not unknown for PG-7 rocket-propelled grenades to get stuck in soft sand and fail to explode.

In July 2005, while I was stationed in Mellit, the local SLA cadre captured a GOS water tanker and hid out in the village of Greida a couple of kilometers south of our camp. That evening one could hear the gunfire and see the flashes as the GOS attacked the village in retaliation for the so-called theft. The net result was one SLA soldier and an 11-year-old village girl killed, and 11 PG-7 dud grenades lying around the village.

### Dealing With the Duds and the Dead

I was tasked to accompany the EOD chaps as standby medic. At the village we found that the villagers had picked up and neatly stacked all the grenades in a heap next to a thorn-branch livestock enclosure right in the center of what was left of the village. Gingerly the EOD Staff Sergeant removed the thorn-branches piled on top of the grenades and the troops started to fill sandbags, which would later be used as a buffer to contain the

blast.

In the meantime the EOD Lieutenant and another sergeant started on preparing the plastic explosive demolition charge, carefully molding it to fit on the grenades. As soon as the sandbag wall had reached two levels high the det cord was run out and pulled through tiny gaps in the wall. Now the troops' work really started as they built a huge pyramid around and over the ordnance. Soon it was time for everyone to retreat to a safe distance and the initiating device was set. From the hill overlooking the village we watched as the sandbag pyramid erupted with a thunderclap into a dense black cloud drifting over the landscape.

Afterward, as part of the AMIS



An SLA child soldier, a 12-year-old boy, carrying an AKMS 7.62x39 at Mado.

investigation team, I visited what passes for the local hospital in Mellit. There the team interviewed the parents and family of the little girl as well as the hospital staff regarding the incident and, off course, to check that she was really dead as reported. In these kinds of operations

accurate fact-finding is crucial as it prevents future come-backs regarding reports on incidents. Nevertheless, I will never forget the sight of that little 11-year-old girl lying all tattered and lifeless on the dirty hospital bed where her parents had brought her in the hope that it was not yet too late.

But like it is for so many of the young people of this troubled region, it already was too late. ☒

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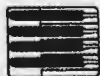


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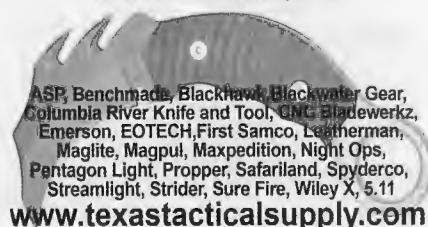
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## I Finally Bag A Brownie in the Last Frontier

By Lt. Col. Robert K. Brown USAR (Ret.)



Sometimes, it's just a simple case of a "man's got to do, what a man's got to do." And I decided last fall, that it was time for me to whack a brown bear, which, hands down is the nastiest, most dangerous game on the continent. I'd been hunting, with no luck for a Brownie back in '98 and had got a taste, sour at that, of tromping through the tundra muck in rubber boots. Been there, done that. So I told Jim West, the innovative proprietor of Wild West



▲ Brown wears a insulated, parka liner and desert camo parka from Wiggy's and toted all his gear in this top-of-the-line, carry everything, all the time Extended Mission Ruck from Kifaru, which has 7500 cubic inch carrying capacity. West holds one of his monstrous Wolverine .454 Casull revolvers (modified Ruger) that I recommend shooting only when the brownie has your thigh in his mouth. He holds the versatile Camel Bak pack and hydration system, which kept one hydrated, and functioning.

◀ Brown, who believes in getting up at the "crack of noon" for elk hunting, plays lazy and scopes the northwestern Colorado countryside for the elusive elk with a pair of Bushnell 10x42 binoculars. He has a Bushnell range finder and is carrying a Springfield Army SOCOM .308. Brown brags that only SOF publishes photos of "black" guns being used for hunting game. Behind him is a Kifaru eight man tipi that only weighs 7 lbs. 9 ozs.

Guns and my guide to be that I wanted no more of this stomp in the muck crap.

His solution was a 24 foot, aluminum-hulled, flat bottom riverboat from which we would leisurely cruise and shoot – hopefully. Which we did for a week until it was show time. One round from one of West's custom take down CoPilot lever action .457 thunked into the bear's neck bone and that was that. The "thunking" was done by a 350 grain slug that skittered along at 2220 fps. West backed me up with a Wild West Guns .50 Alaska that pumped a 450 grain slug along at 2050 fps. Both guns are scoped with Leupold Scout scopes. I'm wearing a pair of Revision sunglasses, in case anybody is interested. The inserted photos were taken in Alaska and at last year's elk camp. ☒

▶ *Ryan Wilson provided SOF with a handy-dandy, all-purpose knife, nine inches long with a four-inch blade which got an all around workout at elk camp. It weighs 8 oz., has a hardness of RC 59-60, blade thickness is 5/32" and has grips of Desert Ironwood. Truly a joy to use.*



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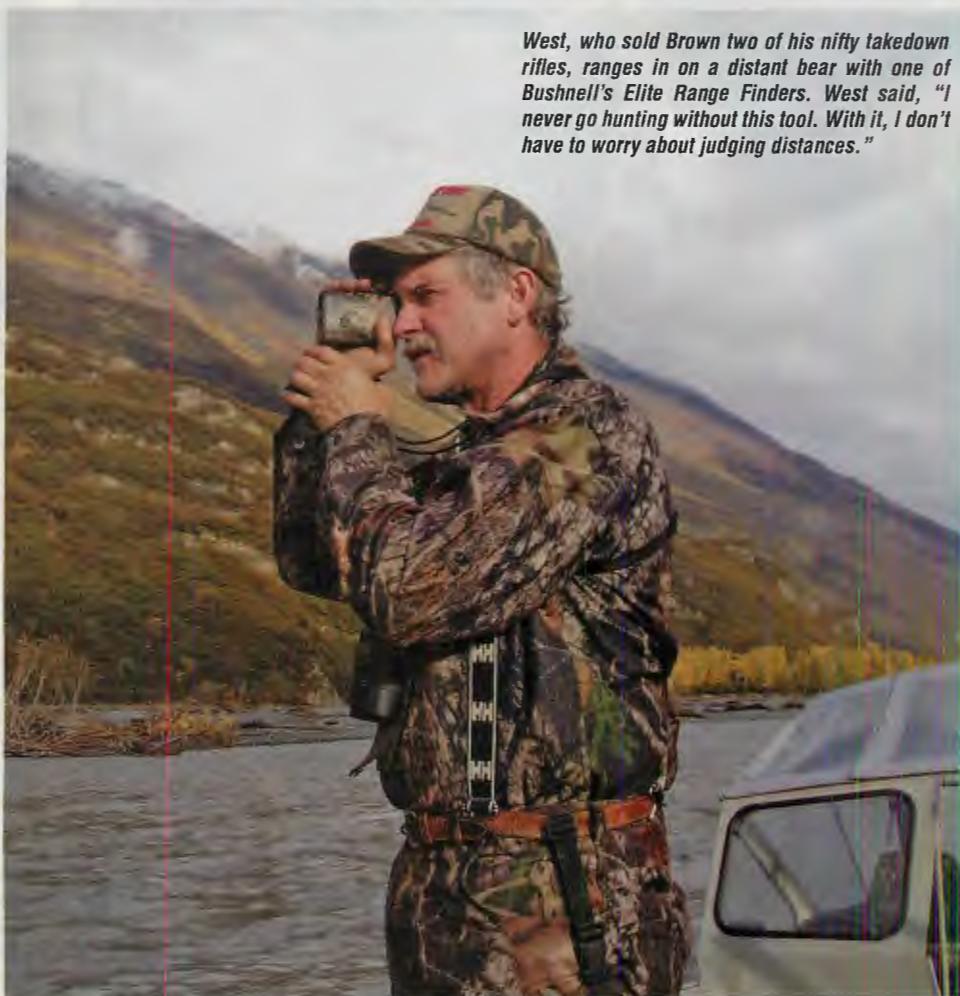
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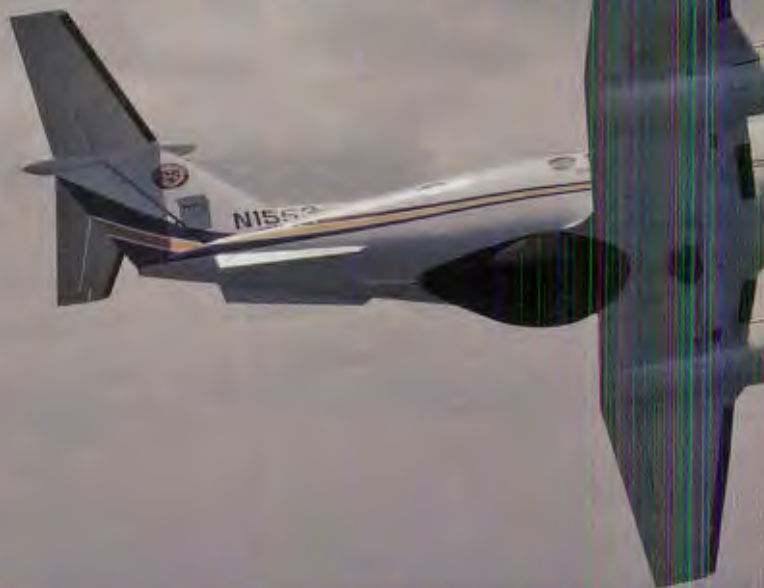
# "Virtual" Fence: America's Maginot Line?, Part 3

**"We Can Secure the Border,  
If... If... If... And If..."**

By Dr. Martin Brass

Last month we asked two U. S. heroes and Border Patrol pros, former Border Patrol Chief William Carter and 30-year Texas Ranger veteran Joaquin Jackson, what they thought of the new 'virtual fence' that is being built at the Southern Border.

We then asked them what they thought of the deployment of the National Guard at the Mexican border, and whether the efforts to secure the frontier were political hype, or whether we could even secure the border.



**"The biggest mistake made was authorizing Homeland Security to take over customs and Border Patrol,"** former Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson said.

**"The Border Patrol needs to be given back more security control. Those politicians sitting in Washington can't provide security from up there."**

## Operation Jumpstart

Many of our National Guard troops are in the war zone in the Iraqi and Afghan deserts, and others are on desert patrol along the drug and illegal immigration war zone along the California, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico desert border. The temperatures soar to 110 degrees and the intruders try to sneak across the border 24-7.

In May, the Bush Administration ordered 6,000 National Guard troops to back up the undermanned Border Patrol.

The troops come from all around the country to fly surveillance aircraft, build fences, and monitor the borders. They cannot apprehend the illegals that they spot, but they give the heads up to any Border Patrol agent in the vicinity of the sightings. The National Guard troops are ordered not to touch

the illegals. The M16s they carry are only for self-defense against armed bandits and drug-and-people smugglers. Since the stakes are higher for traffickers, the thugs are charging more for smuggling laborers and preparing for violent encounters with the border agents.

## Go National Guard!

Both Chief Carter and Ranger Jackson give thumbs up to the deployment of the National Guard.

"The National Guard is a good thing until the Border Patrol builds up," former Border Patrol Chief William Carter told us.

"Illegal immigration has diminished since they have been ordered to the border.

"When I left the Border Patrol in 2002, we had over 9,000 agents, and by 9-11 probably 11,000," Chief

Carter said. "Even with the addition of 6,000 more agents since 9-11, to make a total of 17,000, the Border Patrol is still undermanned."

"You have to know how adding new agents really works. You can make these statistics work any way you want. The Border Patrol hired enough agents to double in size, but if they hired, it doesn't mean that he or she got through the process. When you look at the statistics, say we hired 2,000, for example, the man or woman on the street thinks you've been enhanced by 2,000, but, no, you may have only been enhanced by 300 that actually became full time officers.

"When Congress passes whatever immigration reform it passes, the Congress needs to pay close attention to implementation and needs to provide the resources necessary--the almighty dollar required. If Congress



Special "belly" mounted radar allows this C-12 aircraft the ability to see great distances across airspace. Photo by James Tourtellotte (top) Sgt. Leland Lowery watches for movement on the horizon at the U.S.-Mexican border in San Luis, Ariz. Lowery and more than 200 Soldiers assigned to the 252nd Combined Arms Battalion, North Carolina Army National Guard, are deployed to Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., to train and work with the U.S. Border Patrol in support of Operation Jump Start. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Christiansen (bottom) Sgt. Kathryn Jarvis, from the North Carolina Army National Guard, in support of the U.S. Border Patrol, looks for anyone illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border at San Luis, Ariz. This photo appeared on www.army.mil.

for the number of agents you're going to hire that year. But when you hear 6,000 agents are going to be added, you think it is immediate. It can take several years, and won't even happen at all if the funding isn't available," Chief Carter spoke from years of experience.

### The Homeland Security Fiasco

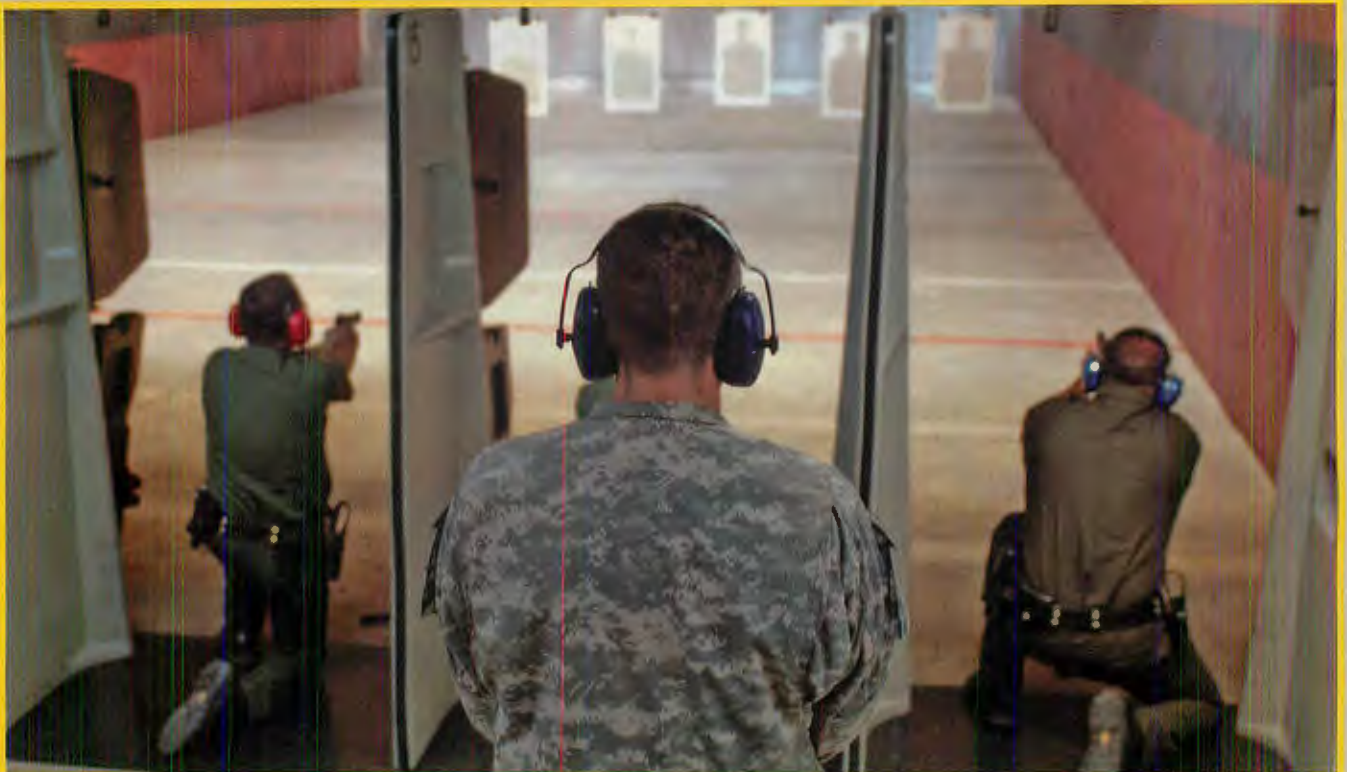
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says lets add 6,000 new Border Patrol agents over the next 24 months, Congress needs to provide funding to recruit, hire, and train those individuals and to place them at a location on the immediate border.

"The Department of Homeland Security has to buy all the equipment, from uniforms to badges, more gas, more vehicles, more space in a station, which may mean construction to house the agent. They've got to give them a locker room. Everything needs to be provided.

"You put 100 agents in a station equipped for 50, you've got a problem. If they say in October they are going to add 6,000 agents, they are not ever going to fund you 100 per cent in 2006. When I say you need funding, I don't mean you need all of the funding in October if you are not hiring until July or August. It's done in increments





A California National Guard Soldier assigned as a range-safety officer for the U.S. Border Patrol at the San Diego Sector Small Firearms Range monitors weapons qualification in July. The Citizen-Soldier is not identified because of security reasons. The National Guard is supporting the Border Patrol during Operation Jump Start. This photo appeared on [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

ton can't provide security from up there."

"Homeland Security was a knee jerk reaction to a devastating time," Chief Carter said, "if you had given to Customs and Border Patrol the resources and given those agencies that money, they would have been much better off."

"If they had done that, Border Patrol might be up to 15,000 agents already," Ranger Jackson said.

"I talk to those agents all the time. Now they have special orders from Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE). The plainclothesmen and anti-smuggling agents are now under the control of Customs, not Border Patrol. They have to do what Customs tells them to do. The plain-clothes agents should be back and Border Patrol aircraft should be under Border Patrol control."

"Take the case of Clay Tippet who captured a whole truckload of dope in a helicopter, on a loudspeaker. The Border Patrol was there when the druggies hit the ground."

"They need to put Border Patrol back, they have done one hell of a job over the years. When I was in the Rangers, our best support, and for me personally, was the Border Patrol. If we had a crime scene, they would seal off that crime scene, help you track

and help you capture.

### **Mexican Thugs and The Big Bend Mindless Murders**

Jackson took on the responsibility of tracking down the murderers of two Americans in Big Bend's Colorado Canyon in 1988. All clues lead to Mexican Nationals as the murderers of the Americans they didn't even know.

"If not for the Border Patrol, I would have never cracked that case," he recalled.

"Those of us who spent the day on the river went to work on the crime scene, piecing the event together to see if it made any sense," Ranger Jackson wrote in his exciting adventure filled, nonfiction biography, *One Ranger*.

"There was a swarm of good officers working the scene, but I found myself leaning most on Border Patrol agent Wayne Weimers, who, among other talents, had developed an extensive intelligence network in Mexico, and an ex-DPS narcotics officer turned U.S. Customs agent Bill Fort, who knew how to make use of the formidable federal resources, including snitch money to spread around if it came to that."

"I asked Chief Ruston if we could set up a roadblock and block it off on

both sides of the U.S. and Mexican border for 10 days to try to track the murderous dope smugglers," Chief Jackson told us. On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of the blockade, three anonymous informers phoned the Border Patrol, naming the four murderous Mexican sons of bitches and telling us where we might find one suspect who crossed the river each night."

The Rangers and Border Patrol flew a helo over the suspect houses 10 days after the shootings and snatched the killers.

### **We Can Secure the Border**

We asked whether we could secure the border if 6,000 additional agents were on location over the next two years, although the likelihood sounded grim.

Chief Carter, the skilled Washington lobbyist, presented likely possibilities, while the rugged, hands on Texas Ranger prefers Rambo style tactics.

"No one can answer that. We can secure the border, but with the Department of Homeland Security in charge, we can probably talk about securing certain elements of the border," Chief Carter said.

"Not without help from Mexico," Ranger Jackson stressed in his forceful manner.

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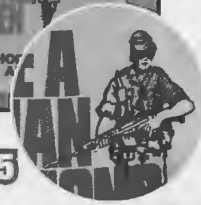
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"We have to wait until after those agents are on board," Chief Carter continued, "But what is the definition of securing the borders? Making sure that zero illegals come in, or is five percent acceptable? Someone has to define what the definition of securing the border is. My definition is 100 percent. There is no room for anyone to get across. My definition may be different than anyone else's. Do you deter everybody or allow 5% or 10%. We don't know what securing the border is. The Border Patrol chief may say 80 or 90% apprehensions are enough. Someone has to decide what securing the border is.

### **It's Inland Where the Mischief Takes Place**

"Then we have to talk about interior border enforcement. We have no interior enforcement. There is no Border Patrol presence in the United States much beyond the border.

"No one takes over where the Border Patrol duties end. On paper, a special agent takes over. But those agents will not check construction sites or somebody irrigating a field. It's just not something they do. Case management work is their mandate. Take California's biggest agricultural basin, the San Joaquin Valley. Customs and Border Patrol will never apprehend any illegal alien working in that valley.

We've got technology in place. Does it take a fence, an electronic one or a steel one, I don't know. Certainly you need lowlight television infrared sensors, night vision equipment, unmanned aerial on the immediate bor-

der.

"Then you need to find the level of manpower you need—to determine and use even more than the number of agents thought to be needed to secure areas in between ports of entry. Then you increase apprehensions. Once you've gained control of border through an increase in agent power, through technology assistance from the military, you need to move to the ports of entry sufficient resources so you don't have people running down through the ports of entry like San Diego in the 1990s.

"Then you have to have interior enforcement. The alien may be legal when coming through the port of entry. He or she could be a B2-visa holding visitor who said he or she are going to Disney Land, or he or she may go to Chicago on a student visa. The tourist or student may violate the visa. You need interior enforcement both in agriculture and technology.

### **Catch Those Cheating Employers**

"You've got to have employer sanctions. You need to enforce the major provisions of the laws that make it illegal to hire illegal immigrants. We've passed the law during the Reagan Administration, but hardly ever enforced it. The laws have to be enforced both by immigration and the special agents.

You've got an individual who works at a restaurant in Milwaukee. He decides, 'I'm going back to Mexico for the holidays'. He is smuggled back to the United States through Presidio. The Border Patrol is in control of the area. An agent stops the vehicle,

knowing that he's being smuggled, and determines that he is an illegal alien.

"He takes him into an office, and asks him 'where are you headed?'

"Oh no! no! no! Ten guys and I work at such and such a restaurant in Milwaukee', he may answer. The agent may find a pay stub if he doesn't talk. Under ideal circumstances, what we used to do through Intel in that sector where he is heading, is contact an investigator there. The special agent in Milwaukee contacts the restaurant and conducts an I-9 audit of your restaurant. He gives them a couple weeks by law to gather all info. He walks in and does an audit.

"I want to talk to the 10 guys. The restaurant admits it hires 10 illegal aliens. With cooperation and a first time offense, the restaurant owner may be given a reprimand.

"The point is, those special agents were critical to the Border Patrol. They need to be brought back."

### **Forget the Talk, Let's Take Action**

Ranger Jackson blames the "all talk and no action" political approach for much of the illegal immigration problem.

"The U.S. can put as many people as you want on that border, but you got to get tough. Bush says its impossible to pile up 12 million people and send them back, but you can surely make a dent," Ranger Jackson, always the man of action, said.

"I don't think you need to send them back," Chief Carter, true to his years of diplomacy in Washington, countered. "They will attrit themselves when you control the border and back it up with interior enforcement and employer sanctions with teeth in them.

"One would go to Chicago, and would not be able to find a job. That's what brings them to the United States. If you can't find a job, you go back home. If you put teeth in employer sanctions, sure it will have an impact on the economy. But I don't know any jobs American citizen won't take if you pay a decent wage."

"If you pay a decent wage to individuals, you will get Americans to work. You got to pay to play. Yeah, it's going to cost us more for those strawberries for you to secure your border," Chief Carter said. "There is going to be immigration reform. I'm convinced of that. They will come up with something that the president will



*Spc. Greg Knauff, from the Arizona Army National Guard, welds a piece of metal over a hole in the fence along U.S./Mexico border near San Luis, Ariz. This photo appeared on [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil).*

sign. I do know we can reduce illegal immigrants and secure the borders.

Neither the Chief nor the Ranger were very worried about the threats that Nationalistic Mexicans wanted the four southern border states back.

### It's All About the Mighty Dollar

"Its about the green back. Over \$68 billion a year is going from here into Mexico," Ranger Jackson called the bottom line.

Chief Carter dismissed the warnings as well.

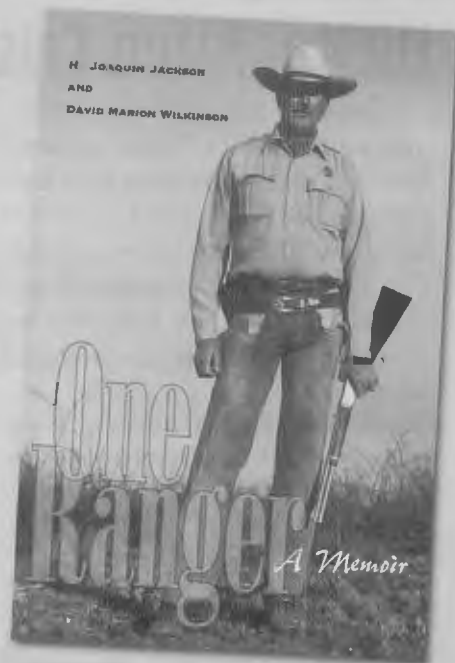
"I think that danger of the AZA-LAN activists, those that claim that Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California belonged to Mexico, who say that's their country and they want it back, isn't that big of a threat. Once you secure the borders 100 percent, cut down this drug flow, and the 60-100 billion dollars a year going down south, you shut that off. What is going to happen if you shut it off? It will throw us into a depression. It's cash flow that gets channeled back here," Chief Carter reflected.

"It's going to take tough diplomacy," Ranger Jackson insisted. "You're going to have to tell Mexico, 'you're going to help us or we're going to cut you off'. One counselor said, 'The National Guard is going to station right on the river. They are going to be the eyes and ears of the Border Patrol. But you're going to have to get some cooperation from Mexico.'"

"You stop the illegal aliens and dope. You open a Swiss bank account for the most powerful SOB in Mexico. That may be the Generals. They control everything, but also get paid by the cartels. You got to pay that General more money than the cartels. You need to put 25 to 50 million in a Swiss bank account, then tell them that for every illegal or dooper, were going to deduct from the account. Maybe, \$250,000 for any load of dope There wouldn't be a piss ant taking drugs out. There wouldn't be five, six, seven illegals coming across. Those generals would take care of the cartels and anything else," the Texas cowboy said.

You got to love the Texas Ranger mentality, and you got to respect the Border Patrol restraint. ☒

Dr. Martin Brass is an international lawyer and longtime SOF contributor.



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# THE WAR ON THE STREETS

by Officer James J. Fotis (Ret.), Executive Director, LEAA

## Big City Chiefs Running from Illegal Alien Crisis!

This past September, a Houston police officer was gunned down by an illegal alien who had already been deported once for indecent liberties with a child. The illegal alien murdered police officer Rodney Johnson by shooting the officer in the head four times.

After the shooting, Houston Police Chief Harold Hurtt blamed the federal government, saying the feds failed to secure the border. But just a couple of months before Officer Johnson was gunned down, Chief Hurtt was relaxing in the beautiful ski resort of Sun Valley Idaho, as he and other cronies from the liberal "Major Cities Chiefs Association," were meeting to discuss what role local law enforcement should play in combating illegal immigration.

It seems that blaming the feds is nothing new to Chief Johnson. At the Sun Valley soiree, the Chiefs put together an immigration policy for Congress and the President. Chief Johnson is the President of the Major Cities Chiefs Association and their immigration policy document can be found on the taxpayer funded website of the Houston Police Department<sup>1</sup>. Not surprisingly, that policy claimed that illegal immigration is a problem for the feds, and that local police chiefs should run and hide. The excuse that the liberal Chief's associaiton offered included the suggestion that immigration laws are "very complex" and taking the time to train their officers how to enforce the law would detract from the core mission of public safety.

Perhaps these Chiefs came down with some altitude sickness up there in the beautiful mountains of Idaho (they support gun control as crime control, too). Maybe a lack of oxygen to their brains would explain how they could come up with the notion that police officers should only enforce the simple laws, or that taking the time to train their officers detracts from public safety.

The Major Cities Chiefs proposal is plain cowardice, pure and simple. Illegal immigration, like any other crime, is not a problem that can be



solved by running the other direction and sticking the Chiefs' heads in the sand. If Chief Hurtt took time off from his Sun Valley get-togethers long enough to get in a patrol car and see the communities he pledges to protect, imagine what would happen if he pulled over Osama Bin Laden for speeding...I guess he'd let Osama off with a ticket, since those terrorism laws are awfully complex and arresting him might upset the 'community oriented policing' goals.

LEAA has long been on record pointing out that the feds certainly need to do a better job at securing our borders and supporting local law enforcement in combating illegal immigration. Local law enforcement shouldn't be stuck with the bill for getting the job done, and the feds should fully fund the programs necessary for training and support of local law enforcement actions in this area. But no matter what the feds do, the big city chiefs have an obligation to uphold the law and keep their communities safe rather than supporting gun control and taking a soft-on-crime approach to policing. In cities like Los Angeles, where studies show the majority of outstanding felony warrants are for illegal aliens, ignoring the illegal immigration issue is a threat to public safety. ☒

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won a national collegiate wrestling title in 1985 and a world shuai-chiao kung fu championship in 1997. Furey has a knack for taking the average and ordinary person and transforming him with his powerful programs. Furey was inducted into the Edinboro University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998 and spends much time each year traveling throughout the world, searching for the very best information available to his world-wide audience. His website, [www.mattfurey.com](http://www.mattfurey.com), is one of the finest in the world, giving valuable information that changes lives.

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## Soldiers in South Korea Ready for War 365 Days A Year

By Heike Hasenauer

"It's a country that time has forgotten," said Special Operations Command, Korea, Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Kimmich of North Korea.

"We have to be prepared for war 365 days a year, because we never know when Kim Jong-il [son of the late, but delegated "eternal" North Korean president Kim Il-Sung] will say, 'We need to unify Korea today,'" Kimmich said.

The possibility of war is never far from people's minds, Kimmich said. A peace treaty between North and South Korea was never signed following the 1950 to 1953 Korean War.

And if the North chooses to invade there will be little warning, said Kimmich, whose 82-person headquarters would swell to some 500 to form the Combined Unconventional Warfare Task Force.

North Korea has the fourth largest army in the world - composed of some 1.2 million active-duty soldiers, more than 13,000 artillery systems and one of the largest submarine fleets in the

world, according to U.S. State Department records.

"In 1991, when the United States and other nations were reducing the size of their military forces, North Korea focused on building up its force," Kimmich said.

In 1991, too, North Korea had 40 percent of its army positioned along the demilitarized zone some 25 miles north of South Korea's capital, Seoul, which is also home to U.S. Forces, Korea's Yongsan Garrison.

Today, 70 percent of the North Korean army is positioned at the DMZ, Kimmich said. And U.S. State Department reports indicate that the North "has perhaps the world's second largest special operations force, designed for insertion behind the lines in wartime."

Additionally, the reports reveal "North Korean forces have a substantial numerical advantage over the South (between 2 and 3 to 1) in several key categories of offensive weapons - tanks, long-range artillery and

armored personnel carriers."

Ironically, nighttime satellite pictures of the divided peninsula show a bleak, black image of the North, which accommodates some 23 million people, versus a bright, vibrant image of democratic South Korea, or the Republic of Korea, population about 48 million.

To stay prepared for crises and war, SOCKOR participates in six training exercises annually with ROK Special Warfare Command forces, including a counterterrorist exercise that focuses on marksmanship training, said Eighth U.S. Army spokesman Maj. Jerome Pionk.

Two of the exercises are Joint Chiefs of Staff-level exercises that involve all U.S. and ROK special operations forces, said Sgt. Maj. Jack Hagan of the 39th Special Forces Detachment, Det. K.

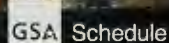
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"As liaisons to ROK special forces units, we teach their teams to call in U.S. strike aircraft and coordinate for other U.S. assets, such as Army night aviation and intelligence," Hagan added.

Recently, ROK SF soldiers parachuted onto an airfield at low altitude at night and took control of the runway, allowing mock follow-on forces to come in within 30 minutes, Hagan said. "That was significant, because it was something they hadn't previously done."

Det. K Soldiers, master sergeants who serve as advisers to ROK army generals, trained approximately 1,000 ROK SF soldiers last year, Hagan said, using the "train-the-trainer" technique.

"We've maintained a legacy with Korean special forces, who supported us immediately after the Korean War and in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Col. Simeon Trombitas, commander, SOCKOR.

"As we learn lessons from our combat experiences, we share those with the Korean army. And we train them on changing systems," Trombitas said.

"The July 2006 missile launches by North Korea further demonstrated the need for the U.S. military presence in South Korea as a deterrent on the peninsula," he added.

"The U.S. and ROK special operations soldiers are at the highest level of proficiency I've ever seen. I have no doubts they're ready to do their nations' bidding," Trombitas concluded.

### Protecting Peace

North Korea became the center of attention recently after claims that it conducted its first-ever nuclear test.

In July the nation also launched seven missiles, including a long-range Raepondong-2 that could have reached the United States had it not failed shortly after takeoff.

Despite the inherent dangers of living at the border of a communist-ruled

society that boasts the fourth largest army in the world – and within range of several thousand North Korean artillery tubes – an assignment to South Korea, officially the Republic of Korea, or ROK, "is the assignment of greatest stability right now," said Eighth U.S. Army Commander Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt.

That's because "Soldiers who arrive here aren't preparing to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan, nor have they just come from those places," Valcourt said.

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operation, where officials take the possibility of war seriously every day.

### Moving South

U.S. military personnel in Korea will soon witness great change, said Valcourt, as they're relocated farther south from the Yongsan Garrison in Seoul to Camp Humphreys and other southern points between now and 2008.

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*Maj. Jose Devarona, battalion executive officer for the U.N. Command Security Bn., looks toward the tall gray building that's the North Korean Visitor Center at the Joint Security Area, Panmunjom. The building to his left is the Military Armistice Building. To the right is what U.S. and Republic of Korea soldiers call the "Monkey House," because North Korean armed guards are said to make rude and threatening gestures from the building when a meeting is taking place in the armistice building. Photo: Heike Hasenauer*

ember 2008. A reduction in force will have reduced the size of U.S. forces in Korea by 12,500 - from 37,000 in 2004 to about 25,000, said EUSA spokesman Maj. Jerome Pionk.

It will be to the U.S. forces' advantage to move south, officials say, since the only remaining communist stronghold in the world also has the most heavily armed border in the world, and it lies about 25 miles north of Seoul, the current home to many of

the 25,000 U.S. servicemembers stationed in the ROK.

"Moving will also allow us to create efficiency, using one commissary instead of eight, and reduce the number of other support facilities," said Valcourt.

A number of U.S. camps close to the border with North Korea have already been closed.

Twice the amount of money and materiel going into force structure

at Fort Bliss, Texas, to accommodate troops relocating to the United States is going into Camp Humphreys, - some \$8 billion - to be paid jointly by the United States and the ROK over the next five years, said Valcourt.

"[The buildup of infrastructure] would be the envy of any commander [in the continental United States]," he said.

Despite the changes, critical response units like the 2nd Infantry Division, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade and 2nd Combat Aviation Bde. are trained and ready for war.

Eighth U.S. Army composes about 80 percent of the force within U.S. Forces, Korea, said EUSA Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Wheeler.

For most of these Soldiers, a tour in Korea is still considered a "hardship duty tour," he said. "But it's not because of the location. It's because most people don't get to bring their families with them. Ninety-five percent of the time, Soldiers come here on a one-year, unaccompanied tour."

Since the 1953 U.S.-ROK Mutual Defense Treaty, the United States has had troops in South Korea, most notably the 2nd Inf. Div. and several U.S. Air Force tactical squadrons, to help Korea thwart aggression from the North. ✖



*Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 35th ADA Brigade, conduct convoy-operations training. Photo: Heike Hasenauer*



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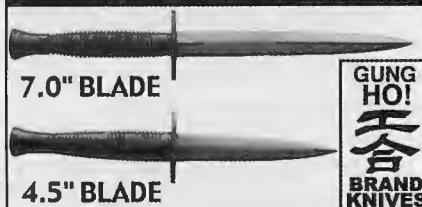
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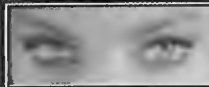
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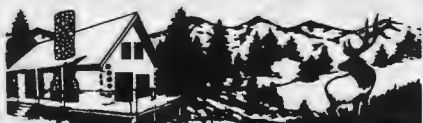
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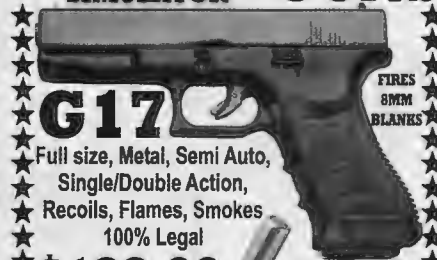
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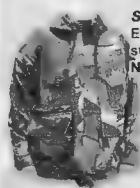


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## AMERICA AT WAR


 **1. THAILAND** **MILITARY COUP** overthrows government as three years of violence in south continues, with thousands dead. **BOMBINGS AGAINST NON-MUSLIMS** escalates, with average of five a day.

 **2. PHILIPPINES** **OFFENSIVE AGAINST ABU SAYYAF TERRORISTS** takes out 12 suspects -- and 11 soldiers and police.


 **3. AUSTRALIA** **SUCH NERVE, MR. PRIME MINISTER!** **MUSLIM LEADERS** outraged when Prime Minister Howard called for the Muslims who refused to integrate (99% do), to learn English and treat women equally. **MUSLIM FATHER FATALLY** stabs wife and scorches daughter when girl declares her Christianity.


 **4. UNITED STATES** **THE POKY BREEDS TERRORISTS:** Correspondence flows freely between terror suspects in the pen and operators running free. Thousands of letters, many sent back and forth from terrorists in the poky to collaborators, are unread by prison officials. **CHEMICAL SUITS AND BODY ARMOR** and stolen defense secrets shipped from California to Yemen. Ahmen Ali, indicted in September for shipping illegal military items is linked to Yemeni cleric sentenced to New York slammer for 75 years for support of al Qaeda and Hamas. **"NANNY PATROL" -- WHO IS GUARDING WHOM?** Border Patrol Agents ordered to guard reservist soldiers at border, who were deployed to guard Border Agents. **WWIV** -- against Islamic fanaticism -- is on, says James Woolsey, former CIA director. Anyone for WWV?


 **5. COLOMBIA** **CALI CARTEL DRUG-LORD BROTHERS** sentenced to 30 years in jail by Florida court. Orejuela power siblings ran cartel that was responsible for exporting 80% of cocaine into U.S. during their reign during the 1990s. **ABORIGINAL INDIANS DISPLACED;** Nearly 6000 native Colombians driven from their homes by illegally armed groups.


 **6. UNITED KINGDOM** DIRTY-BOMB TERRORIST pleads guilty to 2004 plot for mass murder in United States by blowing up NY Stock Exchange, IMF and World Bank. Scotland Yard squashed plots in 2004. **GAS LIMO PROJECT** involved piling gas cylinders and explosives in limos to be detonated in underground parking lots. **SARIN THREAT** to cricket players investigated. Friend of one of four terrorists killed in explosions on London Underground allegedly threatened to gas changing rooms of Crickel players.

 **7. DENMARK** NINE TERROR SUSPECTS picked up in sting that uncovered plot to blow up U.S.-bound planes with liquid explosives.

 **8. RUSSIA** "SAVAGE" ASSASSINATION of journalist Anna Politkovskaya is big hit against freedom of speech, says Mikhail Gorbachev. Anna was about to produce article on Russian torture in Chechnya. **NEARLY FOUR DOZEN** journalists have been killed since 1992, reports the Committee to Protect Journalists. Russia is second after Iraq, with 78 killed, and Algeria, with 60 dead.


 **9. LEBANON** TURKEY TO SEND TROOPS to the south, including a naval contingent.


 **10. IRAQ** DEATH SQUADS conducting mass kidnappings aided by Baghdad police brigade. **FIFTY-EIGHT U.S. TROOPS KILLED** in first half of October as bombings in Iraq hit high: 700 Iraqis killed, at 44 per day, reports **WEST SIDE OF THE TIGRIS RIVER** — U.S. TROOPS CAPTURE HIGH-RANKING JAYSH ALMAHDI MILITIA LEADER (SHIA) but have to release him because Iraqi government fears threat of 1,000 protestors.


 **11. AFGHANISTAN** SUMMER OFFENSIVE ENDS: 2000 killed, mostly Afghani and Pakistani Taliban. **NATO TROOPS (20,000) TAKE OUT** nearly 1000 Taliban in six weeks, with 40 NATO fatalities; 12,000 U.S. troops to be under foreign operational control.


**12. KASHMIR** HUNDREDS OF TERRORISTS KILLED or captured in Islam-Christian violence. Islamic suspects trained in Pakistan cross border to annihilate Christians.

 **13. SUDAN** SLAUGHTER OF NON-ARABS continues by government as officials refuse UN peacekeepers.

 **14. NIGERIA** ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS ATTACK CHRISTIANS, torching dozens of churches, shops and dashing hopes in the North, *Voice of the Martyrs* reports. **VIOLENCE TRIGGERED** when a Christian girl refused the advances of a Muslim man. Aggressor raised false alarm, claiming the Christian girl had blasphemed Muhammad.

 **15. CONGO** FORMER LEGIONAIRE LINKS BRIT TO WAR CRIMES: Merc accuses Andrew Smith, former British army officer, who owns air cargo company Avient, of providing crews for Antonovs and an Mi-24 attack helicopter gunship to drop bombs indiscriminately, killing thousands of civilians. **THREE MILLION** were killed in most deadly war since WWII.

 **16. SOMALIA** ISLAMIC COURTS plan to disarm citizens as the court's military enforces fundamentalist laws.

 **17. SRI LANKA** LARGE-SCALE MILITARY OFFENSIVE launched against rebel Tamil Tigers. Fierce ground battle between troops and rebels follows air bombardment. **HINDU TAMILS FIGHT** for independence from brutal Buddhist Sinhalese majority rule since 1983; 65,000 killed before cease-fire declared in 2002, and hundreds since renewal of fighting in April.

# CONSPIRACY

## When Current Events Corroborate the Prediction

By John Weisman

Early this past February I was in Paris for a few days to do some preliminary research for an upcoming project. Two of my dozen-plus meetings were with the man who formed the basis for the character of Shahram Shahristani in *Direct Action*, my novel (released last June in paperback by Avon) about the search for an al-Qa'ida master bombmaker. The real Shahram is an Iranian émigré whose background is military intelligence. He has also, over the years, trafficked in everything from carpets to arms to information.

He was also connected to what has come to be known as the Iran Contra affair, and because of that involvement he is on the CIA's black list. In fact, there is a pair of burn notices attached to Shahram's file at Langley, telling all and sundry he is a fabricator, a no-goodnik with a personal agenda, and that he is to be shunned at all costs.

Anyway, we were sitting, Shahram and I, at the Brasserie Lorraine, a rather overpriced restaurant known for its seafood that sits at the edge of the eighth arrondissement on the Place des Ternes, at the confluence of the Boulevard de Courcelles and the Rue du Faubourg St. Honore. Our conversation was mostly about Iran and the upcoming confrontation with the United States over its nuclear program and about Iran's support for terrorism.

"You know," Shahram said to me late in the conversation, "Imad Mugniyah was in Damascus last month.

He went as part of the official party when President Ahmadinejad visited Bashar al-Asad."

I put my coffee cup down. That was news. Imad Mugniyah is, after Usama bin Laden, the world's most wanted terrorist. He's been at it much longer than bin Laden, and his prime targets over the past two-and-a-half decades have been largely American.

A little bit of history: Imad Mugniyah was responsible for coordinating the April, 1983, homicide bombing attack on the American Embassy in Beirut in which 63 people died.

In October of the same year, he staged simultaneous attacks on a U.S. Marine barracks near Beirut's airport (241 U.S. Sailors and Marines died), and a French Army barracks (58 KIA).

He was responsible for the kidnapping and torture/murders of CIA Beirut station chief William Buckley, and Marine Lt. Col. Rich Higgins.

He staged the high-profile hijacking of TWA 847, during which U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem was brutally murdered.

We don't know much about Imad Mugniyah's childhood or background. Some intelligence sources say he was born in South Lebanon. Others think he is from Ayn al-Dilbah, a village long ago absorbed into the slums that have become Beirut's Shia-dominated southern suburbs. What is certain is that as a teenager, Mugniyah was recruited into Force 17, the Praetorian Guard of Yasser Arafat's Fatah organization. Force 17's leader was the char-

ismatic "Red Prince of Terror," Ali Hassan Salameh, the operations boss of Black September, Arafat's version of Murder, Inc. Black September perpetrated the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre that ended with the deaths of 11 Israeli athletes.

Early in 1979, the Israelis finally caught up with Salameh. He was killed on January 29, when a covert Mossad team led by a woman using the alias Mary Erika Chambers detonated a Volkswagen packed with 100 kilograms of explosives as Salameh's motorcade turned out of Beirut's Rue Verdun onto Rue Madam Curie.

After Salameh's death and especially after the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon to dislodge the PLO's state-within-a-state, many of the Shia who'd been a part of Force 17 were actively recruited by Iranian agents who had been active in Lebanon since the mid-1970s. Long before the Shah's Western-leaning government fell to Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Revolution, many of the individuals who would become the nucleus of Khomeini's *Seppah-e Pasdaran* — his Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps — were, with Yasser Arafat's blessing, allowed to train in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

After Arafat was exiled to Tunis, the Iranians scooped up scores of Shia fighters, provided them with financing, planning, weapons, and, by the early 1980s, a new target: the United States. Imad Mugniyah became chief of operations. The cover names used for these terror organizations in-



More than casual tourists meet at the sidewalk cafes along the Champs Elysees in Paris... and quite often more than coffee is served. Photo: © 2005 David Monniaux, via Wikipedia.org, used by permission.

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cluded Islamic Amal, Da'wa, Islamic Jihad, and Hezbollah. But in reality, names didn't matter. What mattered was *control*. And real control of Hezbollah lay not with the Musawi clan or the organization's so-called "spiritual leader," Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, but with the mullahs, the *Seppah*, and Ali Akbar Mohtashami-pour, Tehran's one-time ambassador in Damascus.

After Lebanon's civil war ended in 1990, Imad Mugnyiah found a safe haven in Tehran, where he assisted the mullahs implementing their long-term program of expanding support for Islamist terror on a worldwide basis.

Not that he stopped traveling. In the mid-1990s he visited Usama bin Laden in Khartoum to discuss mutual interests. According to RUMINT, he and Bin Laden actually worked together on the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia in which 19 Americans were killed. In July 1996, Western intelligence learned Mugnyiah was a passenger aboard the Kuwaiti-flagged freighter *Ibn Tafil*. A joint U.S. Marine/SEAL snatch operation was put together. But at the last minute, the Clinton White House scrubbed the Navy's plan to board the ship and capture or kill him. Since then, there have been other rumored sightings: Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Gaza. It's alleged he's had multiple plastic surgeries to change his appearance. Intelligence agencies have only a few photographs of Imad Mugnyiah, and most of those are more than 20 years old.

Anyway, immediately after my meeting with Shahram I called an old contact in Tel Aviv and asked if he'd heard about Imad Mugnyiah's trip to Damascus. He answered in the affirmative, and said it had come from a good source within Israel's intelligence community.

And the reason? Maybe, he speculated, Mugnyiah's visit was cover for a high-level conference of terrorists.

I met again with Shahram. We sat at a corner table at Fouquet's on the Champs Elysees. He munched on a

*millefeuille*; I took notes. I asked if he knew with whom Imad Mugnyiah had met during his visit to Damascus.

Shahram deflected the question. "The Iranians met with Hamas," he said. "They told Hamas, 'It is time to move now. You have free rein to act.'"

"With Meshal?" Khalid Meshal has been, since 2004, the leader of Hamas. He lives in Damascus.

Shahram waved his hand dismissively. "Something big is coming." He looked at me, his expression grave. "I promise you, the Iranians before the eighth of March will deliver two loads of equipment – special weapons, missiles, explosives – to Hezbollah. There will be a crisis. Big crisis."

I forgot about that conversation for a couple of months. I shouldn't have, because Shahram was onto something significant. Not that he could have gone to CIA with it, of course. But that's the subject for another time.

Now, I'm not big into conspiracies. Still, let's look at what Shahram told me and then lay a few things out in chronological sequence.

- In February, Imad Mugnyiah and Iranian representatives meet with the Hamas leadership in Damascus and tell them they have "free rein to act."
- In March, according to Shahram, a huge shipment of armaments is scheduled for covert delivery to Hezbollah in Lebanon.
- Over the spring the urgency over Iran's nuclear weapons development program escalates.
- As the US-Iranian rhetoric gets more heated, Iranian president Ahmadinejad issues threats to wipe Israel off the map. At the same time, Hamas, which receives Iranian backing and money, starts lobbying more and more Qasems from Gaza.
- All the while, Hamas terrorists are digging a tunnel from Gaza toward a military post on the Israeli side of the border. This is not something you do overnight – or in plain sight. The Israelis have UAVs, and they look for signs of tunneling.
- While Hamas is digging, those thousands upon thousands of rockets and short-range missiles supplied by

Iran are being clandestinely pre-positioned throughout Southern Lebanon by Hezbollah. *Seppah* personnel are available to train the terrorists in using these new, sophisticated weapons.

- At about the same time the talks over Iran's nuclear weapons program are coming to a head and referral of the matter to the UN's Security Council is imminent, Hamas terrorists break through the Gaza tunnel, attack the Israeli outpost, and abduct a soldier.
- Literally within hours, Hezbollah mounts its own complicated, sophisticated cross-border strike resulting in the deaths of several Israeli soldiers and the abduction of two others. Hezbollah leadership claims it acted in solidarity with the Gaza Palestinians.
- Tehran says that any Israeli attempt to attack Syria will evoke an unprecedented response. Undeterred, Israel mounts a vigorous 'shock and awe' air, sea, and artillery campaign against Hezbollah, blockades the Lebanese coast, and begins a systematic destruction of Lebanese infrastructure.
- The resulting debacle, on the cusp of the G-8 conference in St. Petersburg, Russia wipes just about all mention of Iran's nuclear program out of the news, and the consciousness of most politicians.

Now I know what you're going to say. You're going to argue that it's unlikely Tehran's mullahs mounted the sort of complex, coordinated, long-range covert action program I've described simply to divert attention from their nuclear program and delay Security Council censure.

And you'd be right. It goes far deeper than that. The Iranian regime is both patient and cunning, and it understands all too well about waging asymmetrical warfare. These are the same people who painstakingly took the contents of the CIA's Tehran Station shredders back in 1979 and reconstructed hundreds of pages of top-secret documents that had been destroyed prior to the U.S. Embassy takeover. These are the same mullahs who sent suicide bombers to destroy



our embassy in Beirut and kill our Marines and Sailors and dispatched Imad Mugniyah's thugs to kidnap Bill Buckley and Rich Higgins.

So far as I'm concerned, Shahram was right. Something big was coming. And its genesis was Mahmoud Ahmadi-najad and Imad Mugniyah's January 2006 visit to Damascus. Iran, I believe, was attempting to set in play an audacious series of covert actions to bring about a tectonic shift in the Middle East geopolitical landscape. Its objectives: to ensure an unstable, Shia-controlled Lebanon; to divert the Israeli government from its unilateral disengagement with the Palestinians, and to use the Lebanon crisis as a distraction in order to consolidate its position vis a vis Iraq's Shia majority, who are ambivalent about Iran's long-term goals -- and to give it more time to hide its nuclear weapons development program.

The one element Tehran seems not to have factored into its OPLAN was Israel's immediate, devastating, and overwhelming response to Hezbollah and Hamas. For the moment, anyway, the mullahs seem to have been rocked back on their heels. Indeed, Tehran is currently hinting that a negotiated settlement might be both possible and achievable.

The Administration should take note. For more than a quarter century, Tehran's Islamofascists have waged war against America. America has never answered them back in kind. Israel's response tells me that where Tehran is concerned, actions speak much louder than words. ☒

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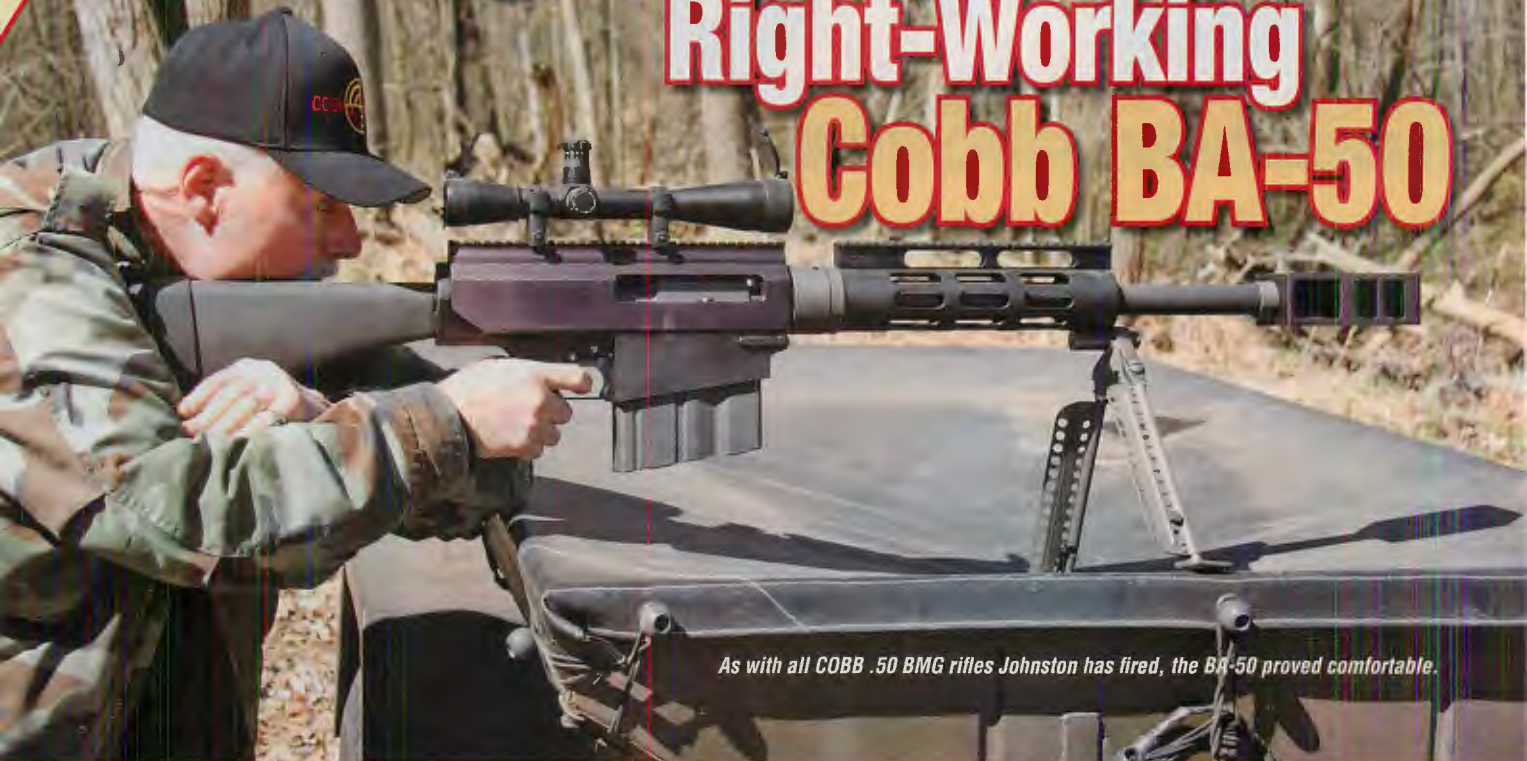


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*As with all COBB .50 BMG rifles Johnston has fired, the BA-50 proved comfortable.*

## A Revolutionary, State-Of-The-Art Bolt Action .50 Caliber Rifle

Text & Photos by Gary Paul Johnston

Receiving the request for a heavier small-arm cartridge to compete with the 13mm German "anti-tank" rifle round during World War I, John Browning hurriedly scaled up the .30-06 round to create the renowned .50 BMG cartridge, and did essentially the same thing with his Model 1917 Browning Machinegun, which became the timeless M2HB machinegun still in wide use almost a century later. However, Browning probably never dreamed that his cartridge would re-emerge as a popular rifle caliber nearly a hundred years later as well.

Having started in the 1970s, the popularization of .50 BMG caliber bolt-action rifles first began with World War II surplus British .55 cali-

ber Boys rifles converted to .50 BMG back in the 1950s. And when the 1968 gun law made an original-caliber .55 Boys a "destructive device" at about the same time .55 Boys ammo was getting scarce, probably more of them were converted to .50 BMG than were left in the original caliber. Being well-made and easy to use, the Boys is "fairly" lightweight and portable, and has even been used for long-range hunting. While the Boys was the first .50 BMG caliber repeating rifle, it wasn't the last in this growing fraternity, and it certainly won't ever hold title of the best.

Although I wouldn't want to get into a political debate on what, if any, is the best of the repeating .50 BMG

bolt rifles, one of the best is without a doubt the COBB Bolt Action - 50 (BA-50) from Georgia. This is not only due to the high quality manufacture of the BA-50, but also because of its unique design features.

In 1994, while talking guns in a pitch-dark log cabin on a buffalo hunt, I asked the president of the company that flew me there if he had ever thought about building one of his left-handed bolt bench rest actions to take a box magazine in a tactical precision rifle for a right-handed shooter. When he answered, "No" I could hear the wheels turning in his voice. A subsequent article six months later resulted in a mountain of interest.

Today, a number of companies offer



*(left) Unique in its operation, the COBB BA-50 uses a left-handed bolt with right ejection, ideal for a right handed operator, yet also friendly to a left-handed one. (right) COBB's BA-50 is seen from the right side, but the bolt is on the left side.*



(1) Here the mechanism of the BA-50 can be seen clearly. Note the roller on the bolt. It is one of three. (2) Here the bolt is up, to illustrate the position of the parts just before the bolt is retracted. (3) Here the ejection port is seen in the open position on the right side of the BA-50.

left-handed bolt rifles for long-range shooters who are far removed from the bench rest crowd. I don't lay claim to coming up with the idea first, a lot of people simply think tactically out of the box. One of them is Mr. Skip Patel, veteran law enforcement officer and founder and president of COBB Manufacturing.

A long time firearms enthusiast, Skip Patel broke into the firearms market years ago in a big way. His

What makes the COBB BA-50 so special is that it offers an operator the best of both worlds: The BA-50's bolt handle is on the left side of the upper receiver and its ejection port is on the right. There go those wheels again.

Even though it's relatively lightweight, as with all .50 BMG caliber rifles, the BA-50 isn't a rifle one would want to tote around for very long. This weight relegates it to being a "static position" rifle, one that

is seldom moved after being deployed in position. Those wheels are spinning now.

Think about it. You're a right-handed operator or competitor with a bolt action rifle with the bolt handle on the right side. Every time you recharge the rifle, you have to remove your strong hand from the grip and perform the four-step bolt action.

The rifle is designed to let the operator leave his right hand where it needs to be and work the bolt with his left hand, pulling back with it as he pushes forward with his right hand on the pistol grip. Does a bolt rifle get anymore positive or faster than this?

Using a Lothar-Walther Match Grade barrel, the BA-50 amounts to a giant bolt action AR-15 style rifle and a few parts are actually compatible between an AR-15 and the BA-50. With a big two-lug bolt, the BA-50 uses a hardened steel barrel extension for lock-up, not unlike the design used



first design was a .50 BMG caliber bolt-action single shot rifle, but he quickly advanced to an improved repeating version, and also designed an entire family of semi-automatic modular precision rifles, but that will have to wait for a separate article.

in the M60 LMG, and a steel cam on the upper receiver assists in primary extraction.

Once the short throw of the bolt han-

*Many law enforcement officers have found the COBB BA-50 to fit their needs and their budget. This model is finished in urban camouflage by Duracoat and has John's Guns .50 BMG Sound Suppressor.*

dle is made, the bolt unlocks and can be moved to the rear guided by steel roller bearings that provide optimum smoothness during extraction and ejection. Speaking of ejection, it is accomplished by a spring-loaded ejector not unlike that used on the M16 and many other weapons.

After completing this portion of the cycle, the operator has only to push the bolt handle forward in its receiver slot where the roller bearings guide it to strip another round from the 10-round box magazine and feed it smoothly into the chamber. Throughout this procedure the right hand remains on the M16A2 pistol grip in control of the rifle. If preferred, aftermarket pistol grips can also be used, such as my favorite, the ERGO Grip by Falcon Industries, already having been adopted by the U.S. Military.

Having been designed after the AR-15 type rifle, the BA-50 uses the same tube that normally houses the recoil spring and buffer, but in this case, the tube merely serves as a mounting platform for virtually any AR-15 style buttstock the end user desires. Some of the best are offered by ACE, Choate, Magpul Industries and VLTOR. The safety/selector and fire control group are largely standard AR-15, with changes necessary to accommodate the larger .50 BMG platform.

Out front of the Lothar-Walther barrel is a custom designed Cobb muzzle brake, and COBB's free-float handguard leaves the barrel harmonics totally independent. At the front end of this tubular handguard is a mount for an M60-style bipod. The handguard is ventilated and can be had plain or with an M1913 rail that runs the full length, and corresponds with an identical rail atop the upper receiver. Along this 7075/T6 alloy platform can be mounted any number of optics and night vision devices (NVD's). This extended rail can also accommodate BUIS. On the BA-50's free-floating ventilated handguard tube, additional rails can also be affixed to suit specific needs for white and IR lights and lasers from Insight Technologies, SureFire and others.

Made of heavy gauge sheet-steel, the BA-50's 10-shot box magazine is detachable using the same positive system as found on the M14 rifle. Simply insert a loaded magazine into the BA-50 and you've got 10 rounds at your disposal for fast follow-up hits. The only .50 BMG faster in operation is a semi-automatic, but the BA-50



The bolt handle of the COBB BA-50 is right where this officer needs it for the fastest operation.

fixed barrel can always be counted on to deliver outstanding 1 MOA accuracy with match ammunition.

### A .50 BMG Muffler

The rifle can also be had threaded for the .50 BMG Sound Suppressor from John's Guns. Designed and built by suppressor guru, John Tibbetts, of Texas, this suppressor takes the muzzle report from the .50 BMG cartridge down to about that from a .22

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### Down Range

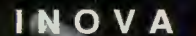
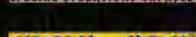
Speaking of accuracy, how is it to shoot the BA-50? Pretty sweet, as long as you're wearing good ear protection and are not standing near the muzzle brake. As with any .50 BMG rifle, the BA-50's muzzle brake not only directs muzzle gasses out and to the rear, but also sound waves. Ear plugs in addi-



### Specifications: COBB BA-50

<b>Designer:</b>	Skip Patel	<i>(above) Here the BA-50's bolt is seen disassembled for cleaning, and re-assembled minus the bolt handle.</i>
<b>Caliber:</b>	.50 BMG	
<b>Muzzle Velocity:</b>	2900 fps.	
<b>Operation:</b>	Bolt-action repeater	
<b>Barrel Length:</b>	22" to 30" standard	
<b>Overall Length:</b>	50" to 58" standard	
<b>Weight:</b>	28 lbs. to 30 lbs. standard	
<b>Feed Device:</b>	10-round box magazine	
<b>Safety:</b>	AR-15 style safety/selector	
<b>Sights:</b>	M1913 rail standard to accommodate any optics. Back-up iron sights optional.	
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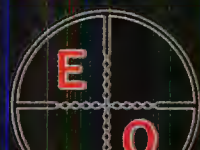
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Johnston found that opening the bolt on the BA-50 was super smooth, thanks to its rollers. His shooting hand never leaves control of the pistol grip.

tion to ear cup protectors, are a good idea, at least for practice and if you have the type that amplify words, you can still hear voice commands during competition.

With John Tibbetts' suppressor, you won't need anything but standard ear plugs, if that. I found that a plug in my left ear and my como in my right ear with a piece of duct tape to hold them in place under a balaclava sufficed for unsuppressed fire, so the suppressed .50 should be a cinch.

Recoil is about that of a 12 ga. shotgun, but COBB adds a non-slip rubber boot to the standard AR-15 stock, which softens it even more. Most sliding stocks mentioned come with or can be had with similar butts.

I found the BA-50's action to be very fast and velvet smooth, thanks to the rollers on which its bolt rides. Extraction and ejection happened without notice and successive rounds fed into the chamber slick as a whistle. Used as a crew-served weapon, a spotter could work the bolt even faster with the operator staying on target for a quick follow-up second shot.

As with every other fifty I've fired, average GI ball ammunition can only be expected to produce 2 MOA accuracy at best, but match ammo will cut this in half.

Cobb recommends high-powered telescopic sights designed especially to be used on heavy recoiling rifles like the .50 BMG, such as those by Leupold, Valdada IOR, U.S. Optics and others. The scope seen here on the BA-50 is Leupold's MK-4 16-40mm LR-T (Long Range Tactical).

The BA-50 can be had in standard

matte black or in any color offered by DuraCoat, including camouflage finishes, and DuraCoat can also supply the gun finished in any camouflage pattern.

### The Need

Up until relatively recently, the role of the .50 BMG precision rifle has been more or less limited to sport competition shooting and some long range hunting, but things are rapidly changing. As with the U.S. Military, in increasing numbers law enforcement agencies are recognizing the need for such rifles to control positions on long range perimeters, for maximum penetration against heavily armed barricaded suspects and especially for airport security. With the Global War On Terrorism (GWOT), we all know it's going to get much worse.

Whether you are a sport-competition shooter or a law-enforcement officer, if you have the desire or need for a .50 BMG repeating rifle, check out the BA-50. For information, contact COBB Mfg., Inc., P.O. Box 88, Dept. SOF, Dallas, GA 30132; phone: 770-505-3080, on the web at [www.cobb50.com](http://www.cobb50.com). ☒

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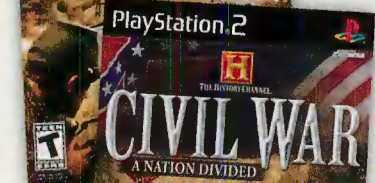


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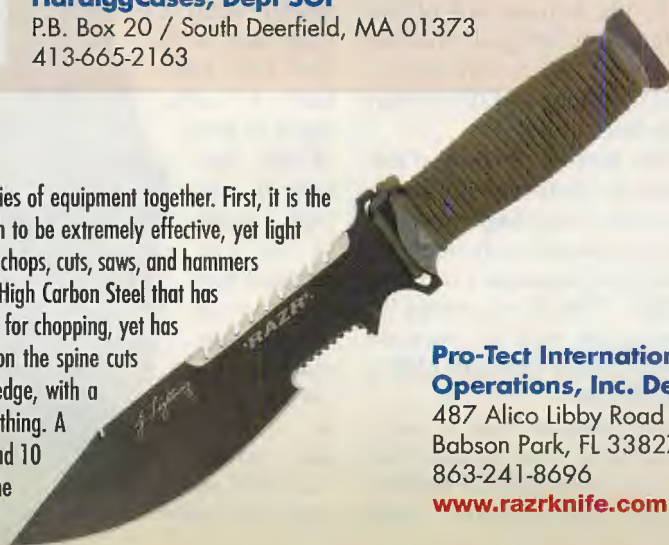
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# Colt's New M16 Light

## Will Revolutionary New Piston-Operated LMG be the Next SAW?

Text & Photos by Gary Paul Johnston

One of the things commanding the attention of all who passed by the Colt booth at the National Defense Industries Association (NDIA) Show this summer in Albuquerque, was a never-before-seen variation of the M16 heavy-barrel rifle: It was a 5.56mm NATO light machinegun (LMG).

Designed by Colt for the Military as a required component of the Objective Individual Combat Weapon (OICW) program, the new M16 LMG remained on the shelf when the requirement ended. Now Colt has let the gun see the light of day – almost. Based on the M16A2 rifle, the new LMG uses only the lower receiver group and bolt of that weapon, with controls being the same. However, the upper receiver group is like nothing anyone has seen before on an M16.

Using a variation of the short-stroke gas piston system introduced at the 2006 SHOT Show in Colt's equally new Model 1020 LE (Law Enforcement) assault rifle, the new LMG also uses a (one-piece) monolithic upper receiver/quad rail handguard system similar to its sibling. However, unlike the 1020 LE, the bottom rail of the LMG's handguard is integral with the rest of the forend and is not removable in order to mount a M203 40mm grenade launcher.

Instead, the bottom portion of the forend is heavily reinforced for about 4 inches forward of the magazine well and this portion houses a locking lever not unlike that found on a number of other LMG's. This lever pivots 90 degrees downward and its purpose is to lock and unlock the new LMG's quick-change barrel.

Being much heavier than a standard M16A2 barrel, that of the Colt M16 LMG uses longitudinal splines to line up and hold the barrel from



The Colt M16 LMG is seen from the right side field stripped.

rotating as it and its barrel extension are seated into the receiver (the bolt must first be locked to the rear). The lever below the forend is then rotated 90 degrees to the horizontal position to lock it firmly in place.

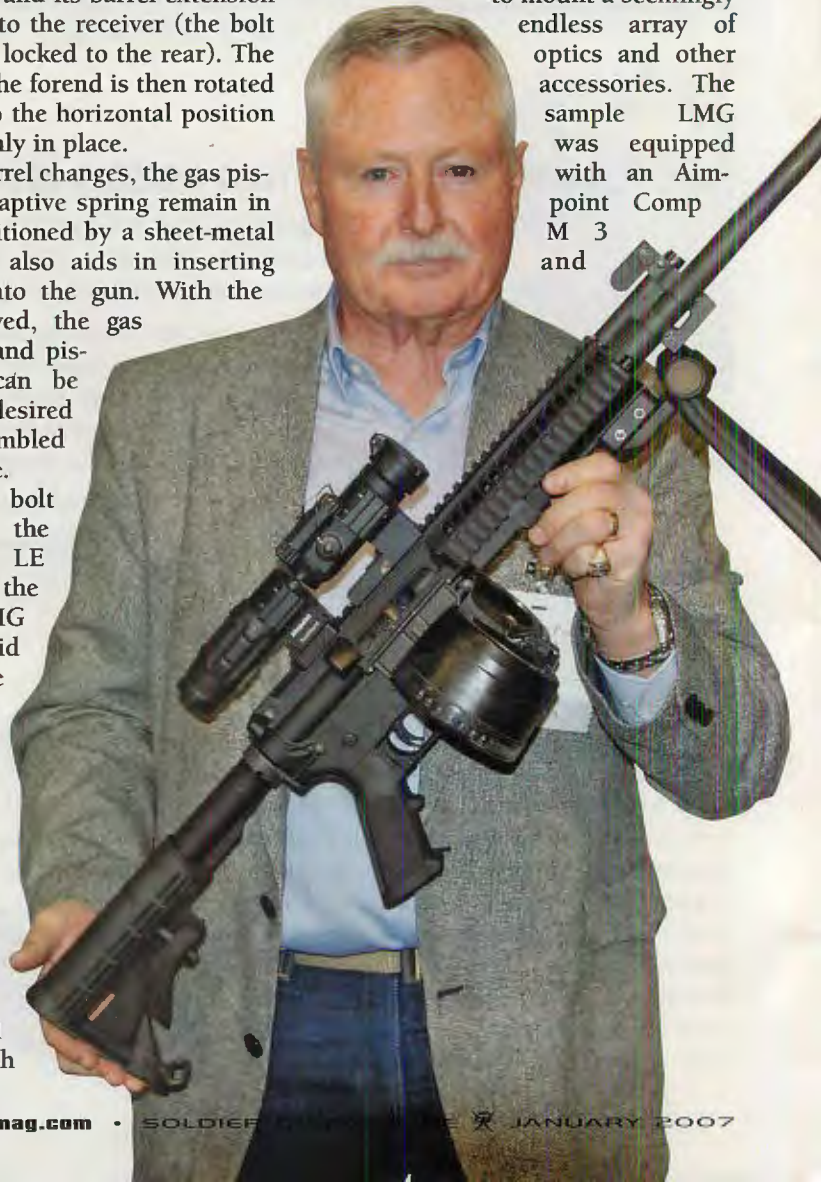
During barrel changes, the gas piston and its captive spring remain in the gun, positioned by a sheet-metal liner, which also aids in inserting the barrel into the gun. With the barrel removed, the gas piston plug and piston group can be removed if desired and is reassembled in the reverse.

Like the bolt carrier of the Model 1020 LE rifle, that of the new Colt LMG has a solid piece in place of the gas key at the top front of the carrier and here the rear end of the operating rod impinges to drive the carrier rearward and the bolt with

it. At the bottom rear of the carrier are tapered "footers" to prevent the carrier from tilting downward when the operating rod strikes it. These footers also guide the barrier back into the recoil spring tube.

### Any Sight You Want

The back-up iron sights (BUIS) of the new M16 LMG are of the flip-up type, allowing the top rail of the flattop upper receiver and forend to mount a seemingly endless array of optics and other accessories. The sample LMG was equipped with an Aim-point Comp M 3 and



# Machine Gun



The Colt M16 LMG seen from the right side with the 100-round C-Mag inserted.

Aimpoint's 3X Magnifier. The Comp M3 comes with a 2 MOA red dot and has a battery life of 50,000 hours.

The 3X Magnifier can be removed/replaced quickly with no loss of zero. Unused portions of the rails can also be protected with rail covers, available from a number of makers.

To keep cost to a minimum, the new M16 LMG uses standard 20-or 30-round NATO magazines, but it can also use the 100-round C-Mag from the Beta Company. Beta's new C-Mag was examined with its carrying case in the new Army Camouflage Uniform (ACU) pattern. The M16 LMG comes standard with an M4 style sliding butt stock, adjustable for length of pull, but can be had with a fixed stock if desired.

As with the standard M16 fire control group, that of the LMG can be had to provide various modes of

fire including open-bolt firing where a special trigger group and bolt carrier are used. However, Colt has also developed a fire control unit that will allow the LMG to fire semi-automatic from a closed bolt and full-automatic from an open bolt along with semi-auto, all by simply rotating the selector to the appropriate position.

So new was the sample LMG displayed at the NDIA Show that it had a pre-production matte black synthetic TangoDown bipod from Buffer Technologies. This lightweight polymer bipod comes in various colors including black, as seen here, and is fully adjustable.

This initial specimen of the M16 LMG had no quick-change barrel handle to protect one's hands from a super heated barrel. I suggested that an M16 bayonet lug be included on the gas block so that a M16 bayonet could be used to remove the hot bar-

rel. Whatever the case, a means of handling the hot barrel will be provided if the gun reaches the production stage.

## Snuffy-Proof Stripping

Field-stripping and reassembly of the new LMG were totally simple, with only minor instruction during the first time. Since virtually no debris gets into the mechanism, as in a direct gas system, cleaning requirements will be less than those of the standard M16 rifle.

Along with the new M16 LMG, Colt displayed a selective fire version of its piston operated 1020 LE rifle. This was the first time a selective fire 1020 LE had been seen outside the Colt factory, although Colt's submission that came in second in the SCAR program was very similar to this gun.

Unfortunately, neither I nor anyone else present were allowed to fire



Here the Colt 1020 LE seen from the right with a M203 40mm grenade launcher.



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Here the Colt M16 LMG is seen from the right on its TangoDown bipod with an Aimpoint Comp M3 and 3X Magnifier and a 100-round C-Mag with its ACU case.

Colt's new M16 LMG, even though the gun had obviously been fired. This was because Colt is not yet absolutely sure it wants to produce the new LMG, and this is due to America being at war, with Colt operating at near 100% capacity in order to fill U.S. Military contracts. However, Colt has had interest by not only the U.S. Military, but also foreign countries friendly to America.

### And It's Magazine-Fed Stepchild

However, along with others present, I was able to test fire Colt's new selective fire 1020 LE, the piston driven M4-style assault rifle counterpart to the LMG. This rifle performed superbly in all respects and was noticeably easier to cock than a standard M4, due to the omission of

*Assisted by a Colt Instructor, this lady fires a 3-round burst from the selective fire Colt piston operated 1020 LE Rifle.*



the gas rings in the bolt. Although the M16 operates with great reliability under normal conditions, I anticipate that the piston operated 1020 LE will provide optimum reliability under even the worst conditions.

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### Specifications: Colt M16 LMG

<b>Caliber:</b>	5.56x45mm NATO (.223 Rem.)
<b>Muzzle Velocity:</b>	3100 fps.
<b>Operation:</b>	Short-stroke gas piston
<b>Type of Fire:</b>	Selective: Full automatic and semi-automatic.
<b>Barrel Length:</b>	18.5", 14.5" and 10.5"
<b>Overall Length:</b>	34.5" to 37.5"
<b>Weight:</b>	9 lbs.
<b>Feed Device:</b>	Any M16 magazine
<b>Rate of Fire:</b>	700 rpm
<b>Safety:</b>	Safety selector
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**LETTER 7:****“Commanders, S-3s and Such Not Knowing How To Use Us Or Implement Us Into Their Plans.”**

Obviously the issue with equipment is huge, but we are also running into Commanders, S-3s and such not knowing how to use us or implement us into their plans. Our unit is trying to rectify that by sending an S-3 rep and the Scout PL to a Sniper Employment Officer course. Hopefully it will assist in the decision process. We are also running into manning issues since they are trying to fill the Line companies first. We are currently well below MTOE strength and this greatly reduces our abilities to assist the Battalion. We have also had a reduction in trigger time prior to this deployment due to lack of equipment, ammo, and range time. Anyway, trying to keep this from turning into a Bitch session, but these are the issues we are facing.

**LETTER 8:****“The Biggest One Is Not Being Used For Our Purpose”**

Equipment is huge – having to jump through hoops to be able to get some kind of equipment and that is with your help, my XO has mentioned to me how stocks and rail systems are not able to be purchased because battalion not having funds (all used up on fixing vehicles). Having to fit in a zero confirm is hard also because of ammunition allocation –

but the biggest one is not being used for our purpose; Missions do not match what we are here for.

**LETTER 9:****“The Scope Rings Got Shot Down, But A \$900 Projection TV Was Ordered For The Battalion TOC For Briefings.”**

In my experience, ordering equipment has been something we just couldn't get done. We have tried ordering everything from new scopes to assault packs, and it always gets shot down because of “funding.” We always get approval from our company commander, but it is the battalion XO who always shoots our orders down. We are downrange, and we tried to order some new scope rings for our M24s. The scope rings got shot down, but a \$900 projection TV was ordered for the battalion TOC for briefings. We are a mech battalion, so I don't know if it is the same in the light world. We also have a problem with uniform standards. The battalion commander and GSM have ordered us not to ever downgrade our gear when on mission. Obviously on a 24 to 48 hour mission, that stuff's coming off. We all ordered new body-armor plate carriers on our own, which are smaller and allow more movement, and they won't let us wear them. The problems always tend to arise from the battalion level, and the companies always support us. The biggest problem I have noticed is battalion level leadership sticking its

nose where it doesn't belong, because they think they know everything. The upper level leadership does not trust its snipers to make their own decisions, and thus undermines the effectiveness of its snipers.

**LETTER 10:****“...Company COs... BN COs... Who Have No Idea How To Deploy Snipers”**

This happened to me and relates to company COs and BN COs etc. who have no idea how to deploy snipers.

I was TOLD that my position during an operation would be on a 150-foot smoke stack at a large factory. It has one way up and down, which is a ladder. My firing platform was a steel-grate catwalk.

I checked out the place... gave my recommendations which was HELL NO, are you kidding me? I was told that they were dead serious and to “be a good soldier and senior NCO” and get my butt up there. To top it off, my observer was on leave and they told me that a GSM would go up and spot for me: He has no sniper training what so ever. To make matters even worse, once on top of this swaying death trap, I was to turn on an infrared beacon to mark my position to prevent blue-on-blue.

Hope this made all your hair stand on end. I am bald but just thinking about this bull made a couple pop out on top. LOL



Spc. Hans Rvehr, a sniper from the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, searches for insurgents in Mosul, Iraq last March. US Army photo by Spc. Clydell Kinchen

## LETTER 11:

### "...Misunderstanding and Ignorance of The Officers Who Attempt To Employ Us"

Biggest problem I had, was a GO who was looking for brownie points with the LTC and has no common sense.

Today was a prime example of the misunderstanding and ignorance of the officers who attempt to employ us. Our time in-country is rapidly coming to a close (supposed to be leaving in two weeks) and our GO wants us to maintain a high operational tempo while packing up to leave country. Not too big of a deal right? My team has been living out of our day-packs for just over a month now, working two days out and two days in the wire. Due to the high tempo and repetition of the missions the enemy has started to catch on to our movements. Having had multiple active compromises in the last two weeks, we told our officers about the need to vary the missions, their reply was, "suck it up, there are only three missions left, and the grunts are working just as hard as you." Not many of us have been injured on the deployment yet and they will keep pushing us until someone is - it happened last deployment too, so I guess the point to my ranting and raving is that the officers in charge need to understand our special situation, we spend days outside the wire constantly on alert, and we know what works and what does not work, and until they see the RPGs flying in their direction

I don't think they will understand.

## LETTER 12:

### "...Not Letting Us Kill Known Enemy"

I know the main problem we are dealing with is they're not letting us kill known enemy. All they want to do is build cases on these scum so they can send them to jail where they can network with others and learn more. We need to be used in more indigenous ops like vehicle hides, dish dashas, that sort of shit. We are getting the MK 11 so that is good, we need better night optics. Pistols in .45 would be nice. OUR ROE's only allow kills on people that we have PID on. Known players should be taken out - it is too soon to be civilized. The assets to build cases and gather evidence on these creeps is not available. There is no GSI Iraq. I know Accuracy International makes a great weapon and we lug around an 18-pound sniper rifle. WTF? The SASR is great but I am sure there are better rifles out there. I just engaged a target the other day and the safety got stuck in the off position and jammed after the first round (it was clean and lubed, so don't even think about it... ha ha ha... I am not Jessie Lynch). It is a very tough fight here because the insurgents know not to walk around with AK's like that. They have learned the hard way. ☒

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Colt's new M16 LMG is a major step in firearms development, as there has never before been a quick-change barrel system such as this for the rifle. In reality it can be compared to the famous Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) developed at the end of World War I and used with great success into the Vietnam War. The advantages it has over the BAR are its quick-change barrel, its extended magazine capability and its unlimited ability to mount virtually any optics, lasers and lights. As such it fills the bill for a new squad weapon wanted by the United States Marine Corps.

Colt's new M16 LMG is not yet pictured in any Colt brochures and you may never see it in one. However, if there is sufficient interest, Colt will surely produce this new lightweight squad automatic.

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The Military Order of the Purple Heart Service Foundation has established a training center for Veterans that is somewhat unique and receiving excellent reviews. It trains Veterans to have a thorough understanding of a very complex, VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol), predictive dialing web-based system that is used world-wide. It is open to Veterans who have a Purple Heart Medal or who have a disability rating. The Veteran trainee is instructed at his or her home in an online classroom. All the necessary software and hardware for the Veteran's computer is supplied by the Training Center. A Veteran who does not have a computer may be able to obtain one from the VR&E office of the Veterans Administration. The curriculum calls for eight hours of daily instruction for five days every week for a period of 15 weeks. The Veteran receives \$11 per hour during the training period.

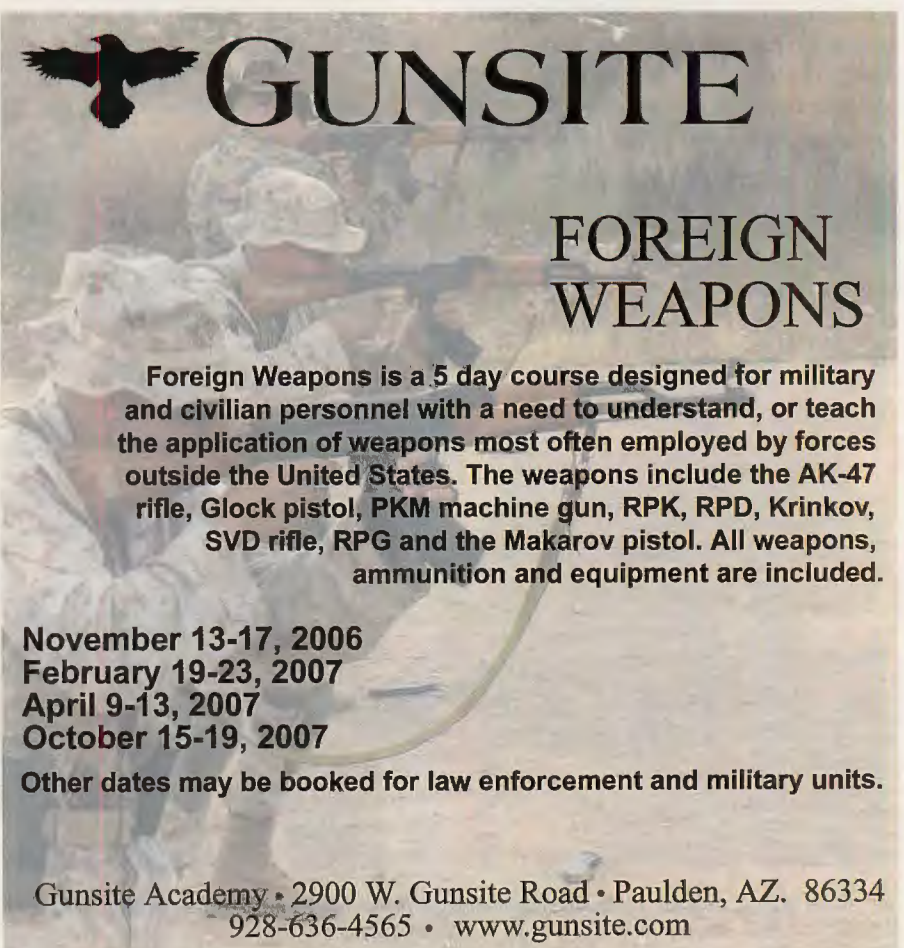
There is an increasing demand for skilled contract/call center agents and supervisors working from home. The MOPH Service Foundation currently has about 30 companies, such as Home Depot, that hire the graduates of this program to work out of their home for compensation ranging from \$15.00 to \$22.00+ per hour. Companies interested in hiring graduates are asked to

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## DD 214s Available Online.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

This will cut the waiting time veterans have had in the past waiting for copies of their DD 214's and will be particularly helpful when they need a copy of their DD-214 (Member Copy-4) for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Vets and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these



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## The North Korea Policy Is An Exercise In Insanity

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Albert Einstein is credited with defining insanity as “doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting a different outcome.” This Mr. Einstein is, of course, the Nobel physicist whose 1939 letter on atomic fission to President Franklin Roosevelt resulted in the Manhattan Project – and the development of the first A-bomb. In the wake of North Korean “product demonstration” and claim to have detonated a nuclear weapon, U.S. decision-makers should heed the late scientist’s pithy observation – for our policy toward the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) certainly seems to fit the definition. It’s time to face the facts: None of the “diplomatic initiatives” the United States has tried since 1945 have worked to prevent North Korea from becoming a serious threat to U.S. national security.

The post-World War II “diplomatic” decision to partition the peninsula at the 38th parallel allowed the creation of a family-run Stalinist dictatorship. When the DPRK invaded the democratic Republic of Korea on June 25, 1950 – the United States took the case to the United Nations. Two days later, the U.N. Security Council resolved to “repel the armed attack” – not to “unify” the two countries. Even this measure would have failed had the Russians – with veto power – not been absent when the vote was taken. The resulting four-year-long Korean War cost the lives of 54,229 U.S. servicemen and ended in a “diplomatically negotiated” stalemate right where it began – on the 38th parallel.

Subsequent “diplomatic initiatives” have fared no better. In the 1990s, faced with the prospect of the DPRK developing advanced missile and nuclear technologies – while millions of North Koreans starved – the United States engaged in lengthy bilateral diplomatic discussions aimed at convincing the militant regime to cease and desist. The 1994 “Agreed Framework” has proven to be a disaster. The agreement required Pyongyang to stop all nuclear weapons development and the United States to provide North Korea with billions in foreign aid and two light water nuclear reactors for generating electricity. We complied. They lied.

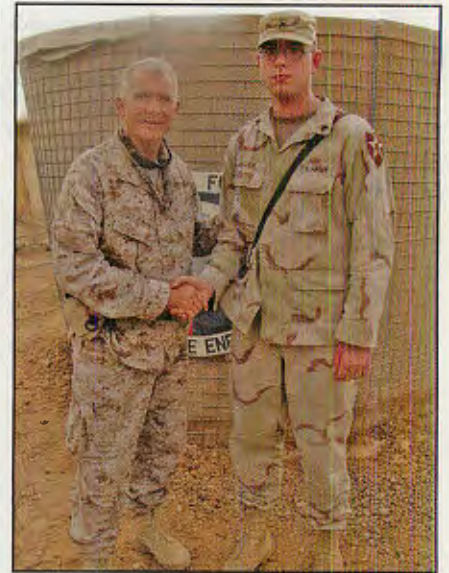
By the time George W. Bush arrived

in Washington it was apparent that “bilateral diplomacy” hadn’t worked. When U.S. and allied intelligence services reported that Kim Jong-Il was secretly accelerating missile and nuclear weapons development, the Bush administration decided to try a “multilateral” approach – the so-called six-party talks – with U.S., North Korean, South Korean, Japanese, Chinese and Russian diplomats all sitting down at the same table. Now, in the aftermath of last week’s claimed nuclear test, it should be clear that this “diplomatic effort” has failed as well. President Bush acknowledged as much in his press conference on Oct. 11: “With its actions this week, North Korea has once again chosen to reject the prospect for a better future offered by the six-party joint statement. Instead it has opted to raise tensions in the region.”

The key words in the president’s statement are “once again” and “raise tensions in the region.” The “once again” observation is a reminder of Einstein’s insanity definition. The “raise tensions in the region” proclamation is a gross understatement. Here’s why:

Cash-strapped North Korea’s only exports are counterfeit U.S. currency, illicit drugs and rocket/missile technology. Pyongyang’s No. 1 customer for these “products” is Tehran. The Iranian Shahab-3 and Shahab-5 missiles are identical in design and performance with North Korea’s Nodong and Taepo Dong missile series. Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has made it clear that neither “diplomacy,” nor U.N. sanctions are going to stop Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. Using words remarkably similar to statements by Kim Jong-Il, he describes U.S., European, U.N. Security Council and International Atomic Energy Agency diplomatic efforts to deter the Iranian nuclear program as “useless resolutions.”

It requires the willful suspension of disbelief to trust that Iran – awash in petro-dollars – won’t try to buy North Korean nukes. Put differently, if you think that the jihad being waged against us is a tough fight now – just wait until Islamic radicals have North Korean nukes. At that point, the “caliphate” of which Bush spoke on Wednesday will be a foregone conclusion.



*Sgt. Dorsel B. Boyer, right, with Dillie North, during North’s recent trip to Iraq. Boyer, assigned to 2/2 Brigade Combat Team, hails from Coshocton, OH.*

It need not happen – if we abandon the process that has repeatedly failed in the past. Mr. Bush says he wants to “give diplomacy a chance.” He added, “there must be a strong Security Council resolution” to cause North Korea “to dismantle its nuclear programs.” Past performance ought to tell us that won’t work.

Instead of going back to the United Nations – where Kofi Annan insists that “The U.S. and North Korea should talk,” Bush would do better to recall the Congress into session until it fully funds and deploys the U.S. ballistic missile defense system; sends more Patriot Pac III and Aegis defense systems to our Asian allies and resolves to form a new alliance of Asian/Pacific democracies to ensure that the DPRK cannot export its nuclear and rocket technologies by sea or air.

Demonstrably firm U.S. leadership would be welcome by Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand. Building such a coalition now – instead of repeating what has failed in the past, would offer hope that we really aren’t insane. ✖

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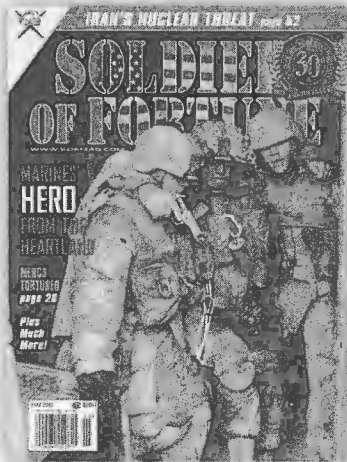
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